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Employers urged to file CW for FY19

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is urging employers to initiate applications on their employees' CW-1 permits as U.S. President Donald J. Trump last Wednesday enacted legislation that extends the program beyond 2019 and increases the cap limitation for the fiscal year.

NMBAC: USCIS to make process easy

By JON PEREZ

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The Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp. said U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services assured them that they would make a smooth transition of the provisions stated on the NMI Workforce Act.

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Torres: Financial austerity measures no longer in effect

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday officially announced the suspension of financial austerity measures effected through the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations (PSSR&R) for the first time since 2001.

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>> USCIS: Rejected petitions must be reapplied

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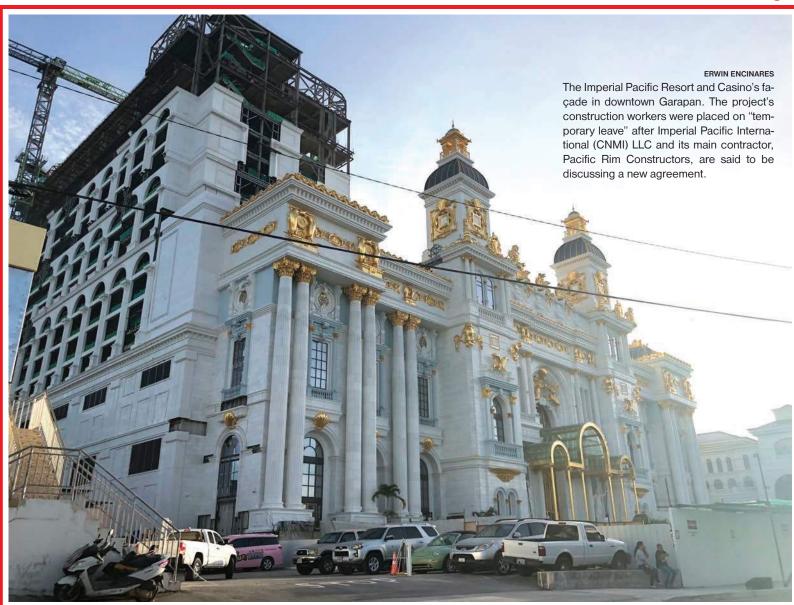
Trump's passage of U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop's (R-UT) H.R. 5956, which is co-sponsored by Delegate Gregorio

Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), effectively raises the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Program permit cap for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000. USCIS in a previous communication set the cap for fiscal year 2019 to a mere 4,999 in respect to the program's previous expiry date of Dec. 31, 2019. H.R.

5956 is also known as the NMI U.S. Workforce Act of 2018.

With the passage of H.R. 5956, USCIS in a communication to Saipan

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Construction continues even with Pacific Rim workers out

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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Constructors, a construction company based in Guam overseeing the construction of the Imperial Pacific Resort, were placed on "temporary leave" from the ongoing construc-

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President Donald Trump and European leaders pulled back from the brink of a trade war over autos Wednesday and agreed to open talks to tear down trade barriers between the United States and the European Union.

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'Focus on positive things, stick on issues'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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Former governor Juan N. Babauta said he and her running mate Dr. Rita Sablan are focusing on positive things and talking about the issues during their campaign for the Nov. 6 general election.

In an interview early this week, Babauta said their team is working hard as he noted that every poll is a different election in the CNMI.

"We want to stay focus on our campaign. We want to stay positive," he said.

Babauta and Sablan are running as independents for governor and lieutenant governor.

"I think that a lot of things are going on right now with respect to the campaign. We are seeing growing number of negativity," the former governor said.

Babauta said they want to make sure that they stay positive and talk about the future.

"We want to talk about the now and the future, where we're going from here for the better Commonwealth. That's we're all about," he said.

Babauta and Sablan are looking into filing their candidacies on Tuesday, July 31.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) has expressed his support to the candidacies of Babauta and Sablan. Independent candidates and the Democratic Party are also supporting the Babauta-Sablan team.



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Record-breaking 18,004 voters so far

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As of yesterday, a recordbreaking total of 18,004 individuals are registered voters in the CNMI for the Nov. 6 general election, according to Commonwealth Election

Commission administrative ian there are 1,707, officer Kayla Igitol.

Igitol said the number is expected to further increase as the last day for voter's registration is Sept. 7.

She disclosed that for Saipan there are 14,354 registered voters, and for Tin-

while for Rota there are 1,943, or for a total of 18,004.

A then recordbreaking 17,740 registered voters in the CNMI was posted in the 2014 Igitol



But the 2014 reout as there were 17,930 registered voters at the Nov. 2016 general election.

general election. the breaking-record number of registered voters at this cord was wiped year's election due to their outreach voter registration drive at 14 different locations and events on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Igitol said another factor Igitol attributed is that candidates are bringing in voters.

Meanwhile, Igitol reminded the candidates and their campaign treasurers yesterday that the workshop about campaign financial disclosure will be this Tuesday, July 31, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

CEC and the Office of the Public Auditor will conduct the workshop at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.











First Gay Pride celebration at GIG

The first-ever Gay Pride celebration will take place this Sunday at the GIG Discotheque starting at 6pm.

Event organizer Sharmaine Casquero is inviting everyone

to an evening that would celebrate equality while having fun with fashionable members of the Saipan's LGBT community.

"This is the most extrava-

gant and memorable one because we celebrate our rights and I hope the public will support the event," she said.

Casquero said she is glad that the Division of Public Health is financially supporting them to be able to run this

She said that 13 different individuals are confirmed to showcase their unique costumes and parading all over the GIG Discotheque.

The Gay Pride celebration

will feature the Paper Dolls wearing fun and colorful costumes to represent the gay community

The Saipan Music and Studio will also be performing to gain support for their quest on the International Hip Hop competition, where they will be representing the CNMI.

For people interested in partaking in the Gay Pride in the Marianas celebration, tickets are currently on sale for \$20 apiece. For tickets, contact Casquero at 233-2643. (Fahim Uddin)

NMBAC

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The legislation, introduced as H.R. 5956, became law after being signed by President Donald J. Trump last Tuesday (Wednesday in the CNMI). It increased the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program's cap from 4,999 for fiscal year 2019 to 13,000 and extended it until 2029 were among the law's provisions.

"On behalf of the NMBAC and its members, we are extremely happy with the news that President Trump signed H.R. 5956 into law [Tuesday]," said NMBAC in a statement.

NMBAC, led by chair Alex Sablan, added they also had conference call with USCIS and Department of Homeland Security officials early Thursday morning at the Governor's Office that was attended by administration officials and NMBAC staff.

"We are also happy to report that in a conference call early [Thursday] morning between the Governor's Office, NMBAC staff, and officials from USCIS and DHS headquarters, we were informed that the application window

for FY 2019 has been reopened immediately," NMBAC in a statement.

"USCIS pledged to make this process as seamless as possible while allowing for the new rules to be formulated, they will begin accepting renewals and new applications for FY19 immediately."

USCIS, after FY 2019's 4,999 cap of CW-1 petitions was met last April 11, will now resume receiving applications. Employers can now reapply the petitions for their workers that were previously rejected.

The NMBAC said the odds were stacked against the CNMI

team, but they did not give up and continued to push for the passage of the legislation.

"While some questioned whether this bill could be passed before the expiration of the CW program in 2019, the business community remained steadfast in its commitment to secure passage as quickly as possible," added NMBAC in the statement.

"The partnership with Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres and the Washington, [D.C.] CNMI team did not give up despite the odds facing them and that showed with the final signature needed for it to become

law [Tuesday]."

What's new?

The NMI Workforce Act also extends the exemption of the following Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 provisions until Dec. 31, 2029: the national cap for H-1B and H-2B workers in the CNMI and Guam, the bar on asylum application in the Commonwealth, and the CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Investor (E-2C) program.

USCIS will collect a \$50 fraud prevention and detection fee for each CW-1 petition submitted by an employer aside from the current fees. The fraud and prevention fee, however, does not apply to those CW-1 petitions that were already filed as of July 24, 2018 and are pending for action.

Employers will also be required by the Workforce Act to enroll in the web-based system E-Verify and must follow the requirements of the program. The E-Verify would compare the information from Form I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification to federal records to confirm if the petitioned employee is eligible to

In January 1999, the Civil

work in the U.S.

USCIS said E-Verify enrolment would soon be a requirement for all employers that would file for CW-1 visas. "USCIS strongly encourages CNMI employers to enroll in the E-Verify program as soon as possible."

The Workforce Act has also set a new cap from FY 2019 to 2029 with the numerical limit set at 500 from FY 2020 to 2023 and 1,000 from FY 2024 to 2029 while there would only be 1,000 slots for the first quarter of FY 2030.

DHS would also exercise its discretion, as stated in the Workforce Act, in delaying the implementation of other changes to the CW-1 program that would affect employers filing the petitions until they issue a final rule.

USCIS, as of July 24 this year, will only accept the May 9 version of the I-129CW petition for CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker forms. They said that they would reject and return the fees paid of any petition submitted that used a Dec. 11, 2017 date or an earlier version of the Form I-129CW.

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Tribune said they are urging employers to start applying for their CW-1 permit needs.

"USCIS encourages employers to file a petition for a CW-1 nonimmigrant worker as early as possible within the six months prior to the proposed start date," said a USCIS representative. US-CIS further noted that they would still reject petitions that are filed more than six months in advance.

The USCIS representative stated that previous permit applications that were rejected must be applied once more for USCIS to reconsider the application.

"USCIS will now resume accepting CW petitions for FY 2019. Employers whose petitions were previously rejected because the cap was reached must file a new petition if they want CW workers under the increased cap. USCIS did not retain and cannot reopen previously rejected petitions," the USCIS representative stated.

She added that with the pas-

sage of H.R. 5956, an imposed mandatory \$50 fraud prevention and detection fee per petition is effective along with other current fees, such as the additional \$200 annual supplemental fee worker and the mandated fees for educational programs in the CNMI.

According to a statement from Sablan's office, the other new provisions would be in effect come fiscal year 2020.

"USCIS will reject any received petition that includes an incorrect or insufficient fee payment," the USCIS representative stated.

USCIS Sablan stated stopped taking applications on April 11, 2018, when the 4,999 cap USCIS set for fiscal year 2019 was met.

Given the urgency of the CW-1 program, the Department of Homeland Security has exercised its discretion, as provided in H.R. 5956, to delay the implementation of other changes to the CW-1 program until an interim final rule is issued. USCIS is under the umbrella of DHS.

In a separate statement, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' administration continues to discuss with the federal government the implementation of the new changes as provided by H.R. 5956.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista said the governor has on "several occasions" prior to the passage of the CW bill, met with the White House and DHS to discuss its implementation.

Bautista noted that a key provision of H.R. 5956 allowed Torres to submit recommendations on the development of the interim final rules regarding the implementation of H.R. 5956 within 60 days following its enactment.

"The administration has already been working on submitting these recommendations within the next week with a focus on seeking implementation prior to September 30, 2018," Bautista told Saipan Tribune, adding that the Torres administration has been raising concerns regarding the dire need of hospital nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center. Saipan Tribune previously learned that only one nurse was approved from the previous lottery USCIS held for the CW-1 permits earlier this year when the cap was only at 4,999.

"We will continue to work with our federal partners to ensure the intents of H.R. 5956 are upheld and that the economy can continue to grow and services can be provided without interruption," Bautista told Saipan Tribune.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan), in a statement to Saipan Tribune, said the passage of the CW bill was a "victory" for the NMI.

Even with the passage and the close call, Demapan believes it is still proper to "remain vigilant."

"...We must...continue to work hard with all stakeholders especially the business community and educational system to come up with a more permanent and sustainable workforce pipeline system, improve our local and U.S. worker employment system, and also improve our CW system as well, including looking into and preparing for other issues and impacts that may be forthcoming," he said in his statement.

Torres in a previous statement reflected the same belief.

"Since IPI has been bringunderstanding.

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Service Commission promulgated an amendment to the PSSR&R for financial austerity measures that became Part 12 of the government personnel regulations. Part 12 effectively suspended all increases in employees' salaries due to permanent or temporary promotions, acting or detail assignments, reallocation or reclassification of positions, and step increases based on professional development. The notice of implementation of these austerity measures was published in November 2001 and took effect immediately thereafter. "Since the implementation of these austerity measures, government employees have suffered suspended wages even when they qualified for a meritbased increase. Over the last several years, we have made great strides in stabilizing our government revenues to improve public services and increase public efficacy. It is only fitting that we now have the ability to fund increases for hard working and qualified civil service employees. Our improved financial condition as a government has

a lot to do with how we've been able to pay down our longstanding obligations dating back to previous administrations and strengthening our private sector to improve our overall economy. We now have a system in place to effectively plan for increases for qualified employees on a merit-based standard," Torres said.

Office of Personnel Management director Sid Seman stated that for almost 19 years, government employees were not able to have upward mobility in their work because of the austerity measure imple-

"The lifting of the austerity measures is a welcome-relief for many hardworking government employees who sacrificed job progression, both in positions and compensations, since 2001. To be able to pay our employees what they rightfully deserve is made possible because of our improving economy and the decisions of this administration. I thank governor Torres and the Legislature for their continual commitment to our government employees," Seman said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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tion of the casino resort.

IPI, in a statement yesterday, maintained that construction would be ongoing even without the construction workers from Pacific Rim. They further noted that Pacific Rim temporarily pulled out their employees due to ongoing negotiations on their current contract.

"...Pacific Rim Constructors' workers are placed on temporary leave from the Imperial Pacific Resort project site as it works on the changes of its current construction

project contract with Imperial Pacific," the HongKongbased company stated, adding that it is "optimistic" that H-2B visas for IPI would be changes to their contract with utilized for the construction Pacific Rim will be resolved within a week.

"Imperial Pacific also assures everyone that the ongoing construction work will be uninterrupted, with Pacific Rim Constructors' management and supervisory team overseeing the construction work," the statement continued.

Saipan Tribune yesterday attempted to obtain a statement from Pacific Rim, however they did not respond to requests for inquiry.

In an interview, Casino

Commission Edward Deleon Guerrero told Saipan Tribune 1,126 of the approved 1,542 of the casino.

"...Based on what we are seeing in the contract between IPI and Pacific Rim was that the actual contract itself was for Pacific Rim to be taking over the management of the construction and not the general contractor," clarified Deleon Guerrero.

"In this contract, IPI provides the 1,542 [workers] they have secured...from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Of those, 1,126 have arrived," he continued.

Deleon Guerrero added that when Pacific Rim first entered the picture, they conducted a preliminary survey on the site. He said the construction company found that they would need their own manpower to be relocated to Saipan for the project.

ing in the H-2B workers, those workers have been assigned to IPI projects and as that occurs. Pacific Rim is now cutting down on its Guam employees and its sub-contracts," he said, clarifying that this was to his

Deleon Guerrero has been in and out of meetings with IPI executives all day long yesterday.

2 fatal plane survivors, Star Marianas, others finalizing settlement deal

Two survivors of a fatal plane crash in 2013 on Tinian are currently finalizing their settlement with Star Marianas Air Inc. and others that they sued over the accident.

John K. Courtney, counsel for survivors Pengliang Cai and Lei Wang, and Timothy H. Bellas, counsel for Star Marianas Air and codefendants, have informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they have been working amicably together toward a finalized settlement that is agreeable to all parties.

Courtney and Bellas disclosed their ongoing settlement discussions in their joint request for the court to give them more time to reach the agreeable final deal.

Early this week, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the parties' request and continued the order to show cause hearing to Oct. 22, 2018 instead of the July 23, 2018 hearing.

By that time, Manglona said, the parties must have either voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit or demonstrated cause why the court should not dismiss the case.

In a previous order to show cause, Manglona said more than 90 days have passed since the complaint was filed on Oct. 2, 2015.

Manglona asked the parties why this matter should not be dismissed.

Zhang, a Chinese national, lost her life in the airplane crash on Oct. 6, 2013 on Tinian. Cai, who is the husband of Zhang, survived the crash along with another passenger, Lei Wang.

Cai is also suing on behalf of his deceased wife against the defendants.

Cai and Wang are suing Star Marianas Air and its then-operator, Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., travel agency Top Development Inc., and the deceased pilot, Luis Silva.

The plaintiffs are suing the defendants for negligence, wrongful death, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and strict liability. They asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay them damages. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Ex-cop in China gets 5 years in prison for possession of 'ice'

A former law enforcer with the special police in China was slapped with a five-year prison term for possession of large amounts of methamphetamine or "ice" in connection with his arrest for engaging in "ice" trafficking. In a written order issued last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Fei Long Zheng to a total of five years imprisonment as to two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

The 27-year-old Zheng was given credit for time served since his arrest on Dec. 14, 2016. He shall be released from prison on Dec. 15, 2021.

Govendo ordered the defendant to pay a \$2,000 fine.

Govendo found Zheng's

remorse and law enforcement background to be mitigating circumstances.

The judge recognized that Zheng has no prior criminal history and was not charged with a violent crime.

Govendo said these circumstances, however, cannot be outweighed by the sheer amount of crystal methamphetamine that the defendant had possession of.

"The amount was high; one of the largest amounts in this court's memory. This fact weighs heavily in favor of a stronger sentence," he noted.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, Zheng sold 3.6 gross grams of meth to a confidential source on Dec. 10, 2016, the Drug Enforcement Task Force then executed a search/arrest warrant and found 31.1 gross grams at the defendant's residence on Dec. 14, 2016.

Last July 17, Zheng pleaded guilty to two counts of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, recommended a sentence to the maximum end of the range, eight years imprisonment, and to also a pay of \$2,000 fine.

Hinds said the amounts of "ice" in this case, cannot be taken lightly.

Hinds said defendant's dealings were not for personal use and that at the time of this incident, he did not have verifiable employment.

Defense counsel Charity Hodson recommended a sentence of two years imprisonment, with credit for time served, and a fine of \$2,000.

Hodson said this period of incarceration has already rendered a deterrent and rehabilitative effect on Zheng.

She said Zheng was 25 years old when he was arrested and since his arrest, he has experienced and continues to experience remorse for his offense and has felt the fallout from his mistake.

Hodson said Zheng has been in custody ever since and not seen his baby boy, who was born on Saipan on Dec. 24, 2015, nor his former girl-friend since his arrest.

The lawyer disclosed that by 2010, Zheng was working with the special police in China, where he worked for the next three years.

In early 2013, Hodson said, Zheng got into a physical altercation with a former defendant who had been found not guilty of a violent crime.

Hodson said the defendant was the mayor's son and Zheng was relieved from duty.

She said Zheng had heard from friends about Saipan and done some reading about the island.

Hodson said Zheng moved to Saipan in April 2013 and began working at a Chinese restaurant washing dishes.

She said Zheng eventually started working in the tourism industry, taking Chinese tourists around Saipan.

Hodson said Zheng became involved with the Chinese Association of Saipan and danced at such events as the Chinese New Year and the Liberation Day parade. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*







Walk to Remember a success

By FAHIM UDDIN fahimmudin489@gmail.com REPORTER

Yesterday's Walk to Remember was successful as about 60 members of the local community and Rotary Club of Saipan took part in the yearly event to pay respects to their lost loved ones.

We Remember Them CNMI's Jill Derickson thanked everyone who took part in the event that started from the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion to the Atkins Kroll Intersection in Oleai and back.

"July is Parents Awareness Month. It's to help the community to understand what bereaved parents go through. This is a Walk to Remember for our loved ones and we are going to have a 15-minute walk to think about our

McFun run pushed to Aug. 11

Rotary Club of Saipan's 4th Annual McFun 5k Run will be held on Aug. 11, according to McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu.

She said the event was originally set for tomorrow, but was reset to a later date to better prepare for it.

The run has two distances. The 5K is along the pathway from the Carolinian Utt in Garapan to the 5K turnaround by the National Office Supply. The 10K turnaround is at the Oleai Beach Bar and Grill.

Rotary Club president Greg Borja said he wants this year's event to surpass the 300 runners that took part in last year's McFun Run.

For people interested to join, they can get registration forms at McDonald's Saipan's main office in Dandan, Mega-Byte, and NMPASI. Registration begins at 5:30am and ends 6:15am.

For the top finishers, prizes will be presented. The first 100 participants will also be given free T-shirts. (*Fahim Uddin*)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Happy 86th birthday to Sonia Valenzuela Cabrera! You have always been the light of our home, the strength in our dreams, and the hope in our future. We love you very much and may you have more birthdays to come! Greetings from your family.



Lantern ceremony for WW2 dead this Saturday

The Sanpoen lantern ceremony will be held this Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School beach. The island community is invited to be present at the 6pm ceremony.

The lantern ceremony com-

memorates the Japanese soldiers that lost their lives on Saipan during World War II

The Saipan Mayor's Office is administrating the 40th student cultural-exchange program of the Sanpoen group from Japan.

Yesterday at 7:45am, the first group arrived on Saipan. The second Sanpoen group will land on Saipan today. The Japanese groups are staying on island for only three days, leaving by Aug 1.

In the ceremony, Japanese students will light up the 300 candles and placed them in floating lanterns. The lit candles are dedicated to the fallen World War II Japanese soldiers. (Fahim Uddin)

loved ones," she said prior to the event.

Derrickson added that the annual Walk to Remember gives prominence to the children that passed away by giving families their loved one's portrait. Participants of the walk also shared dishes for everybody to eat.

Walk to Remember coordinator Tania Mendiola said this year's event was more successful than previous years.

"Since we do have a lot of parents and loved ones out here, it was very successful compared to the last couple of years," she said.



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Employers urged to help OAG Child Support Office

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Public Law 20-60 was signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last June 14, 2018 to establish a State Directory of New Hires. The law requires employers to report to the CNMI Office of the Attorney General Child Support Office all newly-hired employees regardless of age, race, religious beliefs and status mainly who are under the responsibility to fulfill child support duties.

Speaking in front of the Society for Human Resource Management general membership meeting yesterday at Charley's in Pacific Islands Club, assistant attorney general Barbara "Bobbie" Cepeda said that P. L. 20-60, or the New Hire Law, was passed mainly for child support.

"In 1997, (United States) Congress required all the 50 states and the territories that have federally funded child support programs to have the New Hire Law. The reason why we didn't have to do it was because we didn't have a federally funded program in the CNMI...we are not just passing this law so we can have federal funds. We are passing laws because it helps us."

"It helps us to collect child support from people who owe. The fact that we have federal funds to do it is icing on the cake. But the main reason why we are doing this is to help the child support program, help get money to the children, and passing this law is definitely going to do that," she added.

Cepeda believes that employers play a very vital role in



BEA CABRERA

Assistant Attorney General Barbara Cepeda of the OAG Child Support Office talks about the New Hire Law to members of the Society of Human Resources Management during their membership meeting held yesterday at Charley's at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio.

the financial support of children "The checks get to the children through the employers. If the non-custodial parent is working in your office and we sent a wage withholding order the amount stated in the order is deducted and the check is sent that eventually gets to the child," she said.

"So we are really going to be close partners in this and we appreciate the work that employers do to make sure that children get the financial support that they deserve," she added.

The information gathered from employers under the New Hire Law will be used to locate the non-custodial parent.

"There are times that the person who should pay for child support are working but we don't know about it. We at the Office of the Attorney Generals Child Support Office don't know where to locate the non-custodial parent therefore no money is coming in. No money is being deducted and the arrears or delinquent amount adds up every month until we find the person." Cepeda said.

"With the New Hire Law, sooner whether » New law or not a perautomatically son is working

garnishes rather than years down the road. employees for So we use that child support information to locate, establish a child support order and since the law was passed, we've actually found people already.

case back to court and to get that parent who owe to start paying and provide child support," Cepeda added. Cepeda said that every in-

This allowed us to bring the

formation they get remains confidential. "We are not allowed to share with just anyone. But we are allowed to share it to the Department

of Labor to track unemployment or workers compensation fraud. We are allowed to share it with Department of Community and Cultural Afwe would be able to find out fairs office to track food stamp fraud."

"At the Attorney General's Office, it is only the people in the Child Support Office who have access to the infor-

mation and even those people who have access can only use it only for child support purposes," she added.

Under the New Hire Law, employers have to report when they hire or rehire an individual within 20 calendar days from date of hire or rehire. "The days are short so the information is current with us. If we say 90 days by that time maybe the person has quit working and we lose track of them and

not be able to locate them. We won't be able to collect child support because the information is stale," Cepeda said.

"The New Hire Law also requires employers to report within 90 days from when law was passed a list of all its current employees. When the employee quits, the employer has to report that information again to the Office of the Attorney General not later than the 10th day of each month as this would help us get the person who stops paying child support back to court to pay his child support or have the judge order him to get a job or do something," she added.

Cepeda said that the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Office also enforces an existing order. "It's not only our order that we enforce but we enforce the order from the 50 states. If they sent us an order from the Washington State...we would take that order and register it."

"We will enforce it by sending a Wage Withholding Order to employer to start deducting the required amount," Cepeda added.

Reporting on the part of the employers is made by filling up W-4 or W-9 forms and they are available on-line: cnmiaog. org. Submission of reports can be in person to the in 2/F Juan Sablan Memorial Building Capitol Hill, by mail addressed to Caller Box 10007m Capitol Hill, e-mail: new hire@cnmiaog.org or by sending thru fax (670) 664-2369

"In case of multi-state employers, employers can opt to report in one place as long as we inform the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services so they know where the reports are going," Cepeda said.

"If employers do not send a report, our office will send a notice of non-compliance. We will closely monitor and if the employer continues non-compliance with the law then it's a \$25 for each unreported employee. If there's a conspiracy between the employer and employee not to report, they face a \$500 fine," Cepeda added.

The New Hire Law is implemented simultaneously with the Income Withholding Orders where employers are required to deduct an amount from an employee who has child support obligations.

"Employers have 14 days after being served with the order to implement this. The amount limit is no more than 50 percent of obligor's disposable income which means earning remaining after deductions," Cepeda said.

"Pay withheld is sent to the Superior Court within seven business days... IWO has priority over other garnishments, attachments, wage attachments, etc.," Cepeda added.

Good Samaritan Hospital and Marianas Medical Center is pleased to announce that Juan Carlos Quiros, MD, FACC will be on island September 10-12, 2018.

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NMTI launches program to help HS students choose career

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Northern Marianas Trades Institute Planning, Budget, and Grants director Frank M. Rabauliman said the program that they would introduce to high school students this coming school year would help them decide to choose what career path they would take.

NMTI and the CNMI State Public School System has entered into a partnership where the former would teach different vocational skills-mostly in the hard trades like HVAC maintenance, electronics technician, and auto mechanic—to students from the 9th to 12th grade.

heavy trades courses to high school students. This is going to require a lot of collaboration between the NMTI and PSS, from the counselors to ours and their student services, to try and come up with the schedules," said Rabauliman.

He said the students could be brought to NMTI's facility in Lower Base after they gave two vans to PSS with one more to be turned over in a later date while there will also be times that their instructors would go to the schools to hold classes there.

"It all depends, we do have limited spaces and classrooms. This is going to be the first time that we're going to bus the high school students some of the courses," said Rabauliman."

"We're tying to bring them here that's why it's important that we give those vans. We're still trying to develop the entire curriculum and program from 9th to 12th grade. Where at 9th grade, students will be doing some sort of exploratory [on what would they wanted].'

"At 9th grade, they explore occupations then when they already know what's their calling, then they would pursue that career. We would be able to provide hard trades and if they want to go into teaching [after completing the course] they can also get into our program."

He added that students would be given the chance of careers and opportunities like what they offer in the heavy trades. "Since, this is where we are in [heavy trades]."

"But we also would like to see other careers for them like teaching, nursing, and others. Those would be nice to be rounded up, different occupations or careers that one could pursue after high school," Rabauliman said.

He added that if by 10th grade students decide to take up welding as vocational course, they would then be introduced to Welding Level 1 and to the next level in the 11th grade, until they com-

"And after 12th grade some of these students will be well versed enough to be able to move to on the job training or get hired outright by businesses, companies, and employers that need the services of a welder," said Rabauliman.



SHEFA MEETING

Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance chair Oscar M. Babauta, vice chair Juan K. Tenerio, secretary/treasurer Francisco D. Cabrera, SHEFA administrator Marissa S. Rasa, and board members Ursula Alden and Raymond Muna discuss the office's financial flexibility during Wednesday's SHEFA board meeting at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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Rota native graduates from Army Aviation Center of Excellence

WO1 John A. Ayuyu of Rota is the first fixed wing aviator from the Marianas to graduate from the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

He is the son of Juan M. Ayuyu and Alvina A. Ayuyu.

WO1 Ayuyu completed his rigorous training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. WO1 Avuyu made his dream a reality through hard work and determination. He successfully graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in April of 2017 and has completed



the Overwater Survival Training and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) courses. This year, he sets his sights higher finishing at the top of his class in the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course flying UH-72 Lakota helicopters. During his Advance Aircraft Selection, he selected the U.S. Army's C-12 airplane. WO1 Ayuyu has completed the Army's C-12 Initial Entry Fixed Wing Course and is now current and qualified. The United States Army has selected Mr.

Fee waivers for upcoming info session participants

Individuals who participate in Northern Marianas College's upcoming info sessions on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 and Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, will qualify to have their NMC Fall 2018 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Both info sessions will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at NMC's Café Proa located near the Bookstore.

The sessions will cover topics that include the degree programs offered at NMC, financial aid options, the Prior Learning Assessment program, admissions, and other topics.

will also be provided from Tanapag and Kagman on each day that the info session is held. Pick up times from Tanapag Middle School and the Kagman Market will be at 4:30pm, and the return drop off time from NMC back to Tanapag and Kagman will be at 7pm. There is no fee for the shuttle service.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (emphasis in

degree in business, associate of applied science degrees in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, and social work), associate of science in nursing, natural resources management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and hospitality management.

For more information about registering for classes for the upcoming Fall 2018 semester or to apply for admission, contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit

Ayuyu to attend the DHC-7 Aircraft Qualification Course this fall and ultimately will remain as his primary fixed wing aircraft.

His family, friends, and the entire community of Rota are proud to honor and celebrate his achievements and gradu-

ation from flight school on July 19, 2018. As he marks yet another milestone in his career, we hope all children of the Marianas and around the world, through WO1 Ayuyu's accomplishments, are inspired and see that no matter where you come from, you can accomplish anything with hard work, determination, faith, and the love and support of family.

WO1 Ayuyu will be stationed in the Republic of Korea and will soon be joined by his loving wife Kristin P. Ayuyu, and his daughters, Sophia and Olivia. (PR)

KES sets schedule for parent/student orientation

Kagman Elementary School announced the following important dates for the start of school year 2018-2019:

- Aug. 13, 2018 Parent/ student orientation for grades Kindergarten to 2nd at 1pm-2pm, school cafeteria
- Aug. 14, 2018 Parent/ student orientation for grades 3rd to 5th at 9:30am-10:30am, school cafeteria
- Aug. 15, 2018 First day

of Instruction for all students (K-5th) - 7:40am-2:40pm.

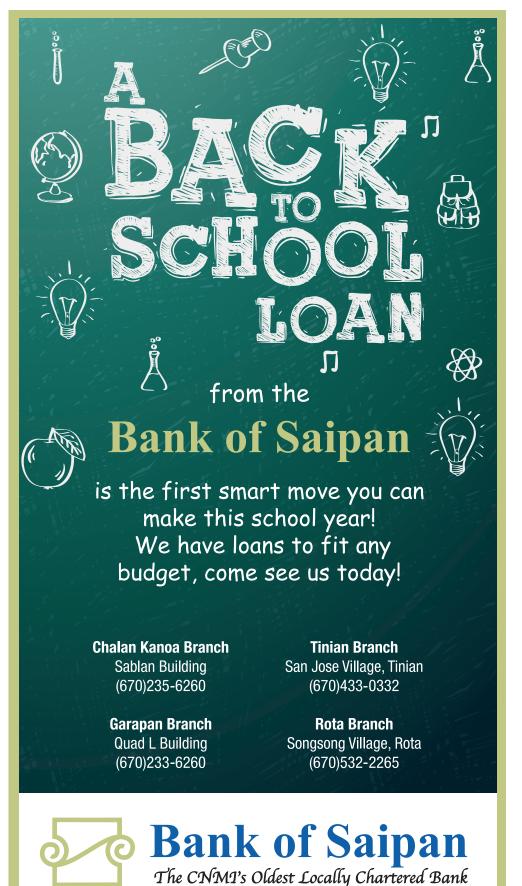
During the parents and student orientation day, the teachers will be present to meet with parents and to share instruction goals and expectations for the school year.

"I hope that you will be able to attend the above scheduled event, so that, you will be knowledgeable of our school continuous improvement plans and to become partners in your child(ren)'s education, said Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia T. Demapan.

"Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all at our August pre-opening school activities. Your participation is greatly appreciated," she added.

If you have any questions about Kagman Elementary School, call 237-3146/3150. (PR)





COMMUNITY BRIEFS

3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach Drainage, and San Antonio Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (PR)

SSHS students, parents' orientation

Saipan Southern High School will have its school year 2018-2019 orientation for students and parents on Aug. 7. For 9th graders and new students, it will be at 9am; all returning students will be at 1:30pm. (*PR*)

SSHS registration deadline

The last day to turn in registration for all students at Saipan Southern High School will be on July 31, 2018, Tuesday. All students must turn in their registrations by this date. Required documents must be copied before turning in. If there is any other information or question, call the main office at 664-4000. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. (*PR*)

SVES students, parents' orientation

San Vicente Elementary School will have its students and parent orientation on Aug. 3, 2018, at the cafeteria. Students with last names from A to M will have their orientation at 9am; student whose last names are from N to Z will have their orientation at 1:30pm. All new and ongoing SVS students and parents must attend to obtain important information regarding the new school year. (*PR*)

SVES sets open house

San Vicente Elementary School will have an open house on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, from 5pm to 6pm, in your child's classroom. All new and ongoing SVS students and parents should attend to meet with your child's teacher and learn about the expectations set for the school year for both student and parent.

We are still accepting registrations for new and ongoing students. If parents have not registered their child yet, we encourage parents to do so as soon as possible to ensure they are placed on the roster on the first day of school, which is Aug. 15.

For more information, contact the main office at 664-3981 or visit our Facebook Page @SvsCanaries. (PR)

Chamber meeting on Aug. 1

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its general membership meeting in August on Aug. 1 at Charley's of the Pacific Islands Club at noon. The guest speakers will be Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente, who will share updates from her agency regarding the workforce, employment numbers, and new projects; and Kanae Quinn and Wendi Herring, directors on the Make A Wish Foundation board, to speak about the good deeds of this organization in granting wishes for children in need. (PR)

MLSC seeks donations for school supplies project

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is accepting cash or in-kind donations as part of its annual project to provide school supplies to needy children in the CNMI.

New school supplies or cash donations may be dropped off at MLSC's Marianas Office in the VS Sablan Building, Chalan Piao (same building as the Subway sandwich shop).

Checks may be dropped off or mailed to us at PO Box 500826, Saipan, MP 96950 or you may call MLSC at 234-7729 and they will pick-up donations.

MLSC hopes to deliver at least 100 new backpacks with supplies to children in low-income households. MLSC identifies needy children from its work and from referrals made by Karidat Social Services and others.

MLSC is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your generous donations are tax-deductible. (PR)

MHS SY 2019 student orientations schedule

Marianas High School will be conducting their school year 2018-2019 Student Orientations. Schedules are as follow:

■ Incoming freshmen and new transfer students (all grade levels): Aug. 8, 2018, 9am-12pm – School Gym

■ Ongoing Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors: August 9, 2018 . 9am-11am -School Gym

Registration is ongoing. Students will need to furnish a copy of their birth certificate, an updated health certificate, an updated student insurance, a copy of their 8th grade diploma (incoming freshmen), an official transcript (if transferring from another high school) along with a completed registration form. Last day to register will be on July 26, 2018. (PR)

Saipan Community School open enrollment ongoing

Saipan Community School currently has open enrollment and serves students from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

In addition to the traditional academic classes, students are able to participate in school athletics, art, physical education classes, band, and music class where students in 3rd-8th grade learn the beautiful art of playing the ukulele.

Students also enjoy participating in activities such as Math Court, Academic Challenge Bowl, Scripps Spelling Bee, speech competitions for PGFC and NJSDA, National Geography Bee, Mock Trial, and STEM Fair.

SCS will open its school doors for the 40th year on Aug. 6, 2018. Faculty and staff will welcome students with new doors installed for our elementary classrooms, new technologies, and a fresh new look in many areas of the school.

In addition, today SCS staff and parent volunteers are welcome to come serve as painters and landscapers to give the campus an updated look for its 40th year. SCS will continue to celebrate four decades of excellent education with many special activities throughout the 2018-19 school year.

SCS is a private Christian school that began in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island. Saipan Community School was officially established by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Saipan Community Church on Nov. 28, 1978 as a non-profit educational institution.

If you are interested in learning more about SCS and/ or the learning opportunities we offer from kindergarten through 8th grade contact Amanda Allen Dunn, Principal via email: principal@saipancommunityschool.com, call our offices at 234-6687, or come visit us on Beach Road in Susupe. (PR)



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INVITATION FOR BID PROJECT NO.: CPA-IFB-009-18

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THE BID PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES THE SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER CONSIDERATION IS AVAILABLE BEGINNING JULY 13, 2018 AT THE CPA ACCOUNTING OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEPARTURE BUILDING UPON PAYMENT OF \$100. PAYMENT SHALL BE IN A FORM OF CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO CPA.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL BID AND TWO (2) COPIES TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: "PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-009-18". BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION §40-50-1020, §40-50-1015, & §40-50-1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, FINANCIAL INTEREST, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the design and construction to expand the main parking lot at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and rehabilitate the storm water drainage. The work shall include all design, materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

The Scope of Work (SOW) may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the CPA Engineering Department at telephone number 670-237-6500 or fax number 670-664-3533.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Criteria for scoring proposals and proposal submission requirements are detailed in <u>Section XII, PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS</u>, of the Scope of Work.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

One original and four (4) copies of the proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Main Parking Lot Expansion and Storm Water Drainage Rehabilitation at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, CPA-SA-004-15". Proposals must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO Executive Director Date: July 25, 2018

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EDITORIAL

Travelers should be able to sue abusive airport screeners

ost Americans are far likelier to be searched by an agent of the Transportation Security Administration than by an FBI agent. But according to a federal appeals court, if an FBI agent violates your rights you can file a lawsuit. If you're manhandled by a TSA employee you're out of luck.

By a 2-1 vote, the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia has ruled against Nadine Pellegrino, a business consultant from Boca Raton, Fla., who claimed that a search of her belongings at Philadelphia International Airport in 2006 was too rough and invasive. She was arrested and charged with assault after she clashed with TSA agents, but was found not guilty. She then filed a lawsuit against the TSA and the individual agents.

The appeals court's decision turned not on the truth or falsity of Pellegrino's allegations but on a question of how a law called the Federal Tort Claims Act should be interpreted.

Generally, the federal government is immune to lawsuits under the doctrine of "sovereign immunity." But the Federal Tort Claims Act creates various exceptions, including one allowing citizens to sue "investigative or law enforcement officers" for civil wrongs including false arrest, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Writing for the majority, Judge Cheryl Ann Krause said that TSA agents didn't qualify because the searches they performed were "administrative." The judge suggested that if searches by TSA agents could give rise to lawsuits, so could other routine searches by government officials, such as those carried out by meat inspectors and employees of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Yet Krause conceded that airport screenings are particularly invasive because they "may involve thorough searches of not only the belongings of passengers but also their physical persons — searches that are even more rigorous and intimate for individuals who happen to be selected for physical pat-downs after passing through a metal detector or imaging scanner." She suggested that although current law didn't authorize lawsuits against TSA agents in her view, Congress could pass a law allowing them.

We disagree. The judge's cramped reading of the law seems to miss the point of what TSA agents do. And it denies recourse to people who are abused by them.

Most TSA agents do their jobs diligently and courteously. But those who take advantage of the sometimes intimate contact they have with the traveling public shouldn't be immune to legal sanctions. If the courts won't recognize that, Congress should step in.

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Repeating failure

t wasn't long ago when the apparel industry here was shut down via the collective effort of the U.S. garment industry in search for an even playing field in competition. The industry pressed U.S. Congress for it.

Unfairness includes: 1). Paying far less than the federal minimum wage then. 2). We don't pay federal taxes like stateside apparel companies do annually.

There was methodical paralysis implemented with the pull of the rug known here as local control of immigration that permanently shuttered the industry. Came the inclusion of China in the World Trade Organization that gave it an even shot on global competition. It's all about fair competition that took an action of U.S. Congress to bring the NMI to its knees.

Now, take a critical look at the casino business here that is headed down the same path: 1). Doesn't pay federal taxes while those in the U.S. pay their share. 2). Casino income isn't taxed unlike places like Macau that imposes a 39 percent tax on money rolling across the table. 3). Untaxed casino money in the billions is repatriated to China or elsewhere without a penny accruing to either the federal or local treasury.

Obviously, this anomaly doesn't grant the U.S. casino industry any room to maneuver so it keeps more of the income it generates. It's unfair to the industry across the sea no matter how you dice, splice or slice it. Would U.S. casino industry firms keep silent on this woefully unfair level of competition? Wouldn't they bring this to the attention of their representatives in U.S. Congress for some legal remedy?

The negative effect of this anomaly would adversely affect us when U.S. Congress uses its fine toothcomb on all entitlement assistance including the millions of dollars for basic infrastructure the NMI begs for annually. I wouldn't doubt they'd tighten the nook until this side of the Pacific responsibly imposes reasonable income tax on all pennies, nickels and dimes rolling across betting tables in downtown Garapan. Fiscal sufficiency is a major part of self-government, di ba?

Hush! Policymaking is an interesting fiduciary duty that extends beyond the chambers of the legislature or administration building. I would be demonstrating how tailbones upstairs are hidden and hooked to tailgates of generous sugar daddies feeding our esteemed folks on the hill. It's what I call "unaccountability" where the elected elite decides issues without our participation.

Home: A stubborn issue that keeps popping up pertains to the first family home. Folks from all walks of life have worked long and hard to build what we all call "home." It's a place where children make lasting memories growing up until they establish

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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their own elsewhere. Home is central to strengthening the family unit and our community.

It isn't the sentimental aspect of home that I find troubling as much as the ability of our people to pay for it throughout the duration of the loan that runs about 20-30 years. I remember the pain of being jobless and came close to losing the only family home I had in the mid-eighties. It was a devastating thought until I found job and resumed payment. It took a loss of another property to make up for it.

It raises valid questions like how many of those who have taken home loans in recent past could actually make it through the duration? Have you taken out real estate or life insurance to cover such cost in the event of death so your family isn't instantly homeless? What are the chances of your holding unto your current job and have you checked your astrology if you'd be healthy for another 20 years?

That I have seen the depth of joblessness against the obligation to pay for the only family home forces this discussion so all may begin reviewing what lies ahead beyond mañana. Is there a better way to building a safe, secure and sanitary family home beyond humongous institutional loans?

Yes! With a little creativity and ingenuity we could raise the sail on our canoe for an all day fishing trip in the deep blue assured of coming home with tons of catch for everyone.

Friends, one can never forget the familiar sounds and sights of home, e.g., echo of the northern trade winds at a distance, the waves working up a storm in the Philippine Sea, the rainbow chasing dark clouds into the sunset; and, melodic bird songs in marshland around Susupe Lake.

Sunshine: We come from the tropics where there's plenty of sun, sea and sand. We frolic and fish in the water when we want to do so for fun and sustenance. There's plenty of sunshine!

At the same time we quiz if there's sufficient sunshine in the

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The supernatural can opener

his summer all the cool kids seem to be having fun while I'm stuck on the sidelines. For example, the annual Qingdao Beer Festival, billed as Asia's Octoberfest, is running from July 20 through Aug. 26 in Qingdao, China. The promotional website, "ThatsQingdao.com," has information on the event.

If you're looking for a break from hot weather you won't find it there, though. It's reported as 90 degrees with high humidity. But, hey: beer!

Qingdao is home of the Tsingtao brewery, which, incidentally, was originally German. The Germans know a thing or two about beer. Saipan, for its part, isn't exactly alien to the concept of beer, either, and Tsingtao has long been a fixture of island life.

In fact, it was when I once ordered a bottle of Tsingtao in Susupe that I got my first hint about the challenges of speaking Chinese. Along with that cold, green bottle of brew, I was given a lesson in pronunciation so I could sound more savvy the second time around. The term "Tsingtao" is an old-style Western convention for what is now written as "Qingdao." The word in Chinese script didn't change at all, nor did the actual pronunciation. As for the Western representation, the newer method is a lot closer to the correct pronunciation than the old way.

Alas, this isn't the last word on the general Westernizationand-phonetic issue. Competing methods, both contemporary as well as legacy, are still players. "Tsingtao" is an example of the legacy realm, where an old spelling has become so established and recognized that it seems cemented into the scene.

Anyway, when I bellied up to that particular beer over 20 years ago, I had no idea that I'd wind up putting some real effort into learning that exotic language.

So it would only seem fair that I get to enjoy the Qingdao festival this year, but life isn't fair. Circumstances have given me very meager consolation prize: I'm going to a Chinese market.

And at that Chinese market I will be looking for a can opener. Not that I need a can opener, but that word is a recent addition to my study list. And, like all new words, it must be field tested before I can put it on active duty.

This field testing is dicey stuff. It's an entirely different proposition than trying a new word out on a friend or a tutor; they'll try to be helpful, they'll give me their full attention, and they'll struggle to understand me. This overly-kind treatment is what I don't want from field testing. No, I want someone who is busy and distracted.

From my experience, about one-third of my new words crash and burn. That's one heck of a casualty rate. The main problem is when the word in the dictionary (or even in a textbook) isn't the word that's most commonly used on the street (or at least on that street). Of course, my own ineptitude often plays a role as well, either leading or supporting.

Anyway, doing the crash-and-burn during field testing presents the challenge of figuring out which word should have been used instead. Having a pad and a pen in pocket is the best way to go here. I have a stash of really small pads for just this purpose. When presented with a pad and pen, the Chinese have always

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been patient and gracious and, to the extent they can figure out what I'm after, they'll write down the word that I should have used. Whether I can actually read that writing is another matter entirely, but at least I'll have a clue to work with.

The other new word on my list is "supernatural." I have more confidence that this word will pass muster afield. It appears to be a very straightforward term comprised of, yes, 'super" and, yes again, "natural." As nice as that is, I've yet to come up with a plan to test the word at the market during my can opener mission.

Anyway, while some people are enjoying the suds in Qingdao, I'm still stuck in remedial status in Chinese. In the meantime, if any readers have been to the Qingdao Beer Festival I'd welcome their insights. I'm tempted to make the trip next year. No, my language skills won't improve much by then, but at least I've got plenty of time to stock up on some more pads.

Never mind Mueller results. Trump is colluding with Putin now

he most unforgettable image of the week was the look on the face of Dan Coats, U.S. director of national intelligence, when NBC correspondent Andrea Mitchell read him a breaking news bulletin that Vladimir Putin had been invited to the White House.

"Say that again!" Coats exclaimed, shaking his head.

The nation's top intelligence official had been blindsided by President Trump, never consulted or informed of this invitation, no doubt because he would have warned against it. And Trump still hasn't told Coats what he promised Putin in their one-oneone meeting with only interpreters present.

Why should we be surprised? The president's bizarre behavior at Helsinki and since has made moot the question of whether he colluded with Putin's election meddling in 2016.

Trump is colluding with Putin now.

Whether from blackmail or ego, the U.S. president is actively aiding Kremlin efforts to undermine U.S. institutions. His war on his own intelligence and law enforcement agencies is a perfect example of how he is advancing Russia's goals.

Trump went to Helsinki unprepared and ignored his briefers, leaving himself open to manipulation by a shrewd ex-KGB colonel who masters details. "I guarantee that Vladimir Putin was prepared for that meeting and knew what buttons he was going to push (with Trump)," said Mike Rogers, the former GOP chair of the House Intelligence Committee. "You must have an agenda. To go just to make friends or have a selfie is dangerous policy."

Putin's public remarks contained many digs at U.S. intelligence agents and the Mueller investigation, insinuating they were plotting against Trump. He was clearly playing to Trump's conspiratorial suspicions about the "deep state."

Trump's humiliation of Coats (a popular former GOP senator whom the president says he admires) is another win for Putin. Last week the president also insulted three former intelligence chiefs — John Brennan, Michael Hayden, and James Clapper — for criticizing his refusal to confront Putin over Russian election meddling. Clapper confirmed that Trump was shown detailed evidence in January 2017 that Putin personally directed this cyber-espionage.

What better gift could Trump give Putin than to undermine the agencies that have detailed Russian spying? "This was the summit Putin waited for his entire life," says Russia expert Alina Polyakova of the Brookings Institution. "He entirely set the agenda."

Putin was probably astonished at how easily he could roll

Trump: The president repeatedly praised Putin's outrageous suggestion that Russian security agents be allowed to interrogate U.S. officials whom Putin dislikes, including a former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Mike McFaul.

The White House only reluctantly retracted this infamous idea after the Senate passed a 98-0 resolution denouncing it. But White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said it had been a "sincere offer." This illustrates how neatly Putin has penetrated Trump's mind.

The danger is multiplied by the president's determination to act without advice from advisers. The Kremlin (which no doubt taped the meeting) has been able to control the global narrative by leaking what supposedly happened in the private meeting in Helsinki, claiming Trump adopted Putin's positions on western Ukraine and Syria. This stirs further fears amongst America's allies who also don't know what really happened.

What we do know is what Putin hopes to achieve.

In January 2017, the joint intelligence report on election meddling that Trump received warned: "The Kremlin sought to advance its longstanding desire to undermine the US-led liberal democratic order." Putin is manipulating Trump to help him accelerate that order's demise.

In conversations with Russian foreign-policy experts in Moscow, I've been told that Putin believes the "collective West" that emerged after World War II is collapsing, including the NATO alliance and the European Union. If he can get Trump's help in weakening the EU — which still resists Putin's expansionist goals — all to the good.

Looking ahead, the Kremlin chief sees a future world run by a configuration of big world powers with the United States presenting the main challenge to Russia. But Putin also sees U.S. democracy as troubled, while (illiberal) Russia is more stable.

The Russian leader hopes to exploit divisions within America, and undermine its institutions, with help from Trump. If he can prevent a strong U.S. pushback against cyber-espionage (which Trump refuses to direct), that's the frosting on the cake.

Thus, at Helsinki, Putin's agenda was clear: further undermine Mueller and accelerate Trump's break with the U.S. intelligence community. Most clever, play on Trump's illusion that the ex-KGB agent can be a good partner. "Hopefully someday he'll be a friend," Trump foolishly said of Putin.

Putin didn't have to try hard. Trump pandered. Despite indictments that track right back to Putin, Trump invited the Russian

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in which the Kremlin is still meddling. "Useful Idiot" is a political term for a person who is manipulated into serving a political cause that is not their own. It used to be applied to naifs who mouthed Soviet propaganda. Now it

leader to the White House in the fall, to coincide with elections

fits Trump.

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people we've elected to represent us up on the hill? How many are faithfully humming "Silent Night" all night?

You watch them as the party moves through the night. They lose the ability to speak with simple common sense as they load themselves with alcohol out of frustration. They finally had to be assisted as they wobble to their cars to head home singing a garbled version of their Felis Navidat.

Inconsistency: The business community here wanted CW extension and is hopeful of its adoption by summer, a position riddled with contradiction.

The NMI has a 21 percent unemployment rate or 1,500 unemployed locals. So how does the business sector justify extension when it is also half the problem of unemployment here?

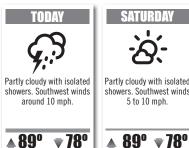
The redundant chorus reminds me of an adage by Mark Twain, "Everybody talks about the weather," he said, "but nobody does anything about it"

Understood the heavy expense involved in training locals plus the obligation that they are paid higher per federal MW law over CWs. But then doing is known as assimilation where the business community becomes a part of the local community. Or is this too difficult a concept?

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The Weather

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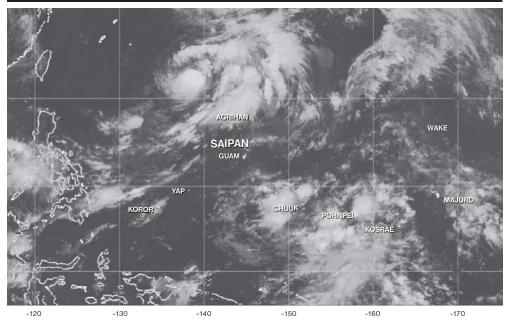
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:02 AM, THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trough, evident in the low and mid-level vorticity field, will keep the possibility of isolated thunderstorms alive today as it moves quickly northeast across the Marianas, and island heating may add to the thunderstorm potential this afternoon. But have taken out thunderstorms for tonight as moisture decreases aloft, and the rest of the week should see only isolated showers. Island showers are possible the next few afternoons over Guam, but moisture will be marginal at best. Winds will remain light through the next week, with seas slowly decreasing over the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
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Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	87° / 76°
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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	89° / 77°
London	Thunderstorm	88° / 63°
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	92° / 72°
Manila	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	63° / 48°
Miami	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°
New York	Thunderstorm	86° / 72°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	97° / 68°
Busan	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Rome	Sunny	90° / 72°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	93° / 71°
San Francisco	Sunny	66° / 55°
Seoul	Thunderstorm	91° / 79°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	90° / 79°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	90° / 73°



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6:24 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.81				
1:51 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.21				
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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IN FILING HER CANDIDACY FOR HOUSE SEAT

Tina Sablan: People want devt that respects culture, environment

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"People want leaders they can trust. Leaders who listen. Leaders who do their research before acting on bills," according to former House lawmaker Christina "Tina" Sablan shortly after she filed her candidacy last Wednesday as an independent for a precinct 2 seat in the House of Representatives.

Precinct 2 covers Susupe, Chalan Kanoa, Finasisu, As Lito, and As Perdido.

Sablan was accompanied by her parents, family members, and supporters at the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe during her submission of petition for nomination.

Former governor Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita Sablan, who are seeking election as

governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, also came to support along with several independent candidates for this Nov. 6 general election. Democratic Party chair Daniel Quitugua and other Democratic officials were also present.

In her statement, Sablan said people want leaders who put the wellbeing of the community first above special interests and self-interests.

She said since beginning this journey to the Legislature, she has been meeting people every day—in their homes, stores, beach, Laundromat.

Sablan said she has been taking this time to really listen to the people—their concerns, ideas, and hopes.

Sablan said she has noticed some common themes.

"People want a government that works for them. A gov-

ernment that pays its bills and honors its obligations," she pointed out.

The former lawmaker said people want a government that prioritizes investments in the things that improve the quality of life for all-healthcare, public infrastructure, public schools, community college, trade school, safety, and cleanliness of the villages.

"People want an economy that works for them. An economy that makes life better for all and not just a few." she said.

Sablan said people want an economy that is sustainable driven by the vision of the community, the people who live in the Commonwealth.

She stressed that they want development that respects the island culture and environment.

Sablan said she is committed to being open and transing out and listening to constituents, and doing my research and due diligence before I make decisions," she said.

candidate for a precinct 2 seat in the House of Representatives.

Sablan added that she is committed to putting the wellbeing of the community first, and working for a safer, healthier, and more beautiful Marianas that "we can be proud of."

Sablan used to serve as a member of the 16th House of Representatives. She previously worked as a news reporter and anchor for KSPN2. She is currently the deputy communications director and outreach coordinator for Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP).

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Bridge Capital, LLC chief operating officer Tucker Baldwin presents a check to Wayne Dawe, Michelle Kautz, and Roberta Guerrero of Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

Micronesia Islands Nature Al- and assists us with the means duct routine cleanups of the liance is proud to announce to keep our projects viable." that Bridge Capital, LLC has joined them again in this year's fundraising efforts by signing on as a sponsor for the 2018 Green Gala slated for Sept. 14, 2018, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hibiscus Hall.

Fran Castro, chairperson of the board of directors of MINA, said that "Bridge Capital is one of our very loyal and committed supporters. Their continued sponsorship of MI-NA's efforts to foster communities for conservation is very important to our organization,

This sentiment was echoed by J. Ticker Baldwin, chief operating officer: "Bridge Capital, LLC will continue to support MINA's projects, for we believe in change for both environment and people. Micronesia's marine environment is a strong facet of the culture and identity of the Mariana Islands, of which we are very proud, and which we are working hard to preserve," said Baldwin. "Our team works closely with MINA's rangers to conarea surrounding our Adopt-a-Bin location on Mt. Tapachao, as well as at Smiling Cove. It's efforts such as this that we hope contribute to the overall health and well-being of the islands." In addition to the Adopt a Bin sponsorship and the Green Gala, Bridge Capital also conducted a Celebrity Bag-a-Thon event at Joeten stores in March of this year, with the proceeds donated to MINA.

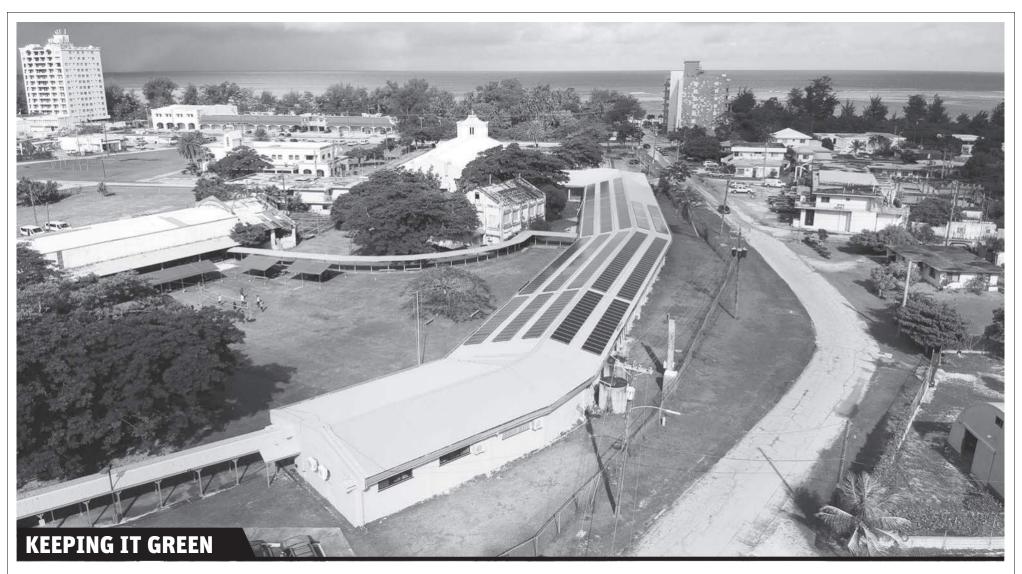
Tickets for the Gala are \$75 and available now. Call MINA at 233-7333 for information. (PR)

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Mount Carmel School installs over 100 solar panels

Just in time for the new school year, Mount Carmel School recently finished installing over a hundred new solar panels as part of its strategic plan to become a greener campus and more energy efficient.

"We are very excited about this project because it will help our environment and help our school by lowering our utility costs," said school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero added, "Given the size of our campus and study body, this project took two years to complete, and we are truly grateful to everyone that helped make this possible, especially our board of directors, our director of institutional development, John Blanco, and Micronesia Renewable Energy."





Aerial drone shots of the new solar panels that were installed at Mount Carmel School over the summer.

The solar panels will go online in time for the new school year and will use a net-metering system. Under this system, the school will still be patched into the grid provided by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. or CUC. Whenever the sun is out and powering up the solar panels, energy from the solar panels will redirect the school's energy consumption from CUC to the panels.

The installation of the solar panels is part of the school's broader strategic master plan, which includes other elements to help the school become more environmentally friendly.

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Last year, the school also launched an Eco Club, which sponsored poster and recycling contests, held beach cleanups, and raised awareness at the school and in the community about environmental issues. The Eco Club also started a school garden to promote the sustainable process of farm-to-table dining. As a result of their efforts, the Eco Club won the Best Project Award at the second annual E-Land Environmental Youth Alliance.

In addition to the Eco Club, with support from its Parent Council, the school has also begun installing energy efficient LED lights in classrooms. A few years ago, the school also began switching out old air conditioners with new inverter type air conditioners that use less energy and leave a lighter carbon footprint. (PR)

Bordallo applauds off-base Agent Orange testing

following statement applauding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) and Guam Environmental Protection Agency's (GEPA) recent decision to test for Agent Orange at non-military sites across Guam:

"The EPA should always have tested for Agent Orange island-wide and not just on military installations. I am encouraged that they will now examine off-base and non-military sites for potential traces of Agent Orange. I

who recounted spraying on Guam decades ago is taken seriously. Right now, the federal study on reported Agent Orange use on Guam, which I directed, is expected to be completed this fall and made public," said Bordallo.

The federal Government Accountability Office (GAO)—Congress's independent investigative agency—is currently conducting a comprehensive study regarding alleged Agent Orange use, storage, or transshipment on

WASHINGTON, D.C.— continue working in Congress Guam. The GAO has already federal government to take press-releases/house-passes-Delegate Madeleine Z. Bor- to ensure that the word of sent investigators to Guam responsibility for any verified fy18-defense-bill dallo (D-Guam) issued the Guam residents and veterans and conducted several on- Agent Orange use on Guam, island interviews. GAO also continues to identify and review shipping logs for vessels that transported Agent Orange between the mainland United States and Vietnam to determine if such vessels made port calls on Guam. At this time, the GAO is expected to finalize its report, required by Congresswoman Bordallo's provision in the fiscal year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, by late fall this year.

Bordallo continues to pressure the U.S. military and particularly any during the Vietnam War era. Below are her public actions during the current 115th Congress:

- May 16, 2018 House Veterans Affairs Committee testimony: https://bordallo.house. gov/media-center/press-releases/bordallo-underscoresguam-veterans-challengeshouse-veterans-affairs
- July/June 2017 National Defense Authorization Act GAO study provision
- July 14, 2017: https://bordallo.house.gov/media-center/

- June 22, 2017: https://bordallo.house.gov/media-center/ press-releases/readiness-subcommittee-s-fy18-ndaa-markincludes-bordallo-provisions
- April 3, 2017 Government Accountability Office (GAO) study: https://bordallo.house. gov/sites/bordallo.house.gov/ files/wysiwyg uploaded/Letter%20to%20GAO%20re%20 Agent%20Orange 0.pdf
- Jan. 18, 2017 meeting with senior Defense Department officials: https://bordallo.house.gov/media-center/ press-releases/bordallo-meets-



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dod-officials-agent-orange

■ Jan. 5, 2017 letter to the U.S. Air Force: https://bordallo.house.gov/media-center/ press-releases/bordallo-requests-information-regardingpossible-agent-orange-useguam. *(PR)*

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Business

Backing off auto tariffs, US and EU agree to more talks

President Donald Trump and European leaders pulled back from the brink of a trade war over autos Wednesday and agreed to open talks to tear down trade barriers between the United States and the European Union.

But the agreement was vague, the coming negotiations with Europe are sure to be contentious and the United States remains embroiled in major trade disputes with China and other trading partners.

In a hastily called Rose Gar-

den appearance with Trump, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said the U.S. and the EU have agreed to hold off on new tariffs, suggesting that the United States will suspend plans to start taxing European auto imports — a move that would have marked a major escalation in trade tensions between the allies.

Trump also said the EU had agreed to buy "a lot of soybeans" and increase its imports of liquefied natural gas from the U.S. And the two agreed to resolve a dispute over U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum.

"It's encouraging that they're talking about freer trade rather than trade barriers and an escalating tariff war," said Rufus Yerxa, president of the National Foreign Trade Council and a former U.S. trade official. But he said reaching a detailed trade agreement with the EU would likely prove difficult.

The tone was friendlier than it has been. During a recent European trip, Trump referred



Office after speaking about trade in the Rose Garden of the White House, Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in Washington.

President Donald Trump and European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker walk to the Oval

to the EU as a "foe, what they do to us in trade." Juncker, after Trump imposed tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, said in March that "this is basically a stupid process, the fact that we have to do this. But we have to do it. We can also do stupid."

On Wednesday, Trump and Juncker said they have agreed to work toward "zero tariffs" and "zero subsidies" on nonautomotive goods.

Trump told reporters it was a "very big day for free and fair trade" and later tweeted a photo of himself and Juncker in an embrace, with Juncker kissing his cheek.

"Obviously the European

Union, as represented by @ JunckerEU and the United States, as represented by yours truly, love each other!" he wrote.

The president campaigned on a vow to get tough on trading partners he accuses of taking advantage of bad trade deals to run up huge trade surpluses with the U.S.

He has slapped taxes on imported steel and aluminum, saying they pose a threat to U.S. national security. The U.S. and EU are now working to resolve their differences over steel and aluminum — but the tariffs are still in place. And they would continue to hit U.S.

trading partners like Canada, Mexico and Japan even if the U.S. and the EU cut a deal.

Whatever progress was achieved Wednesday could provide some relief for U.S. automakers. The escalating trade war and tariffs on steel and aluminum had put pressure on auto company earnings. General Motors had slashed its outlook, and shares of Ford Motor Co. and auto parts companies had fallen.

"Our biggest exposure, our biggest unmitigated exposure, is really steel and aluminum when you look at all of the commodities," GM CEO Mary Barra said Wednesday.

Tesla, others help Puerto Ricans go solar amid power turmoil

ADJUNTAS, Puerto Rico (AP)—Ten months after Hurricane Maria, Adjuntas still loses power any time a heavy rain or wind pounds the rickety power lines feeding this town high in the central mountains of Puerto Rico.

That leaves its 20,000 people once again in the dark, without light, fresh water or air conditioning — except for a handful of homes and businesses glowing in the night thanks to solar energy.

The people of Adjuntas call those places "cucubanos," an indigenous Puerto Rican firefly. They're part of a small but growing movement to provide the U.S. territory with sustainable, renewable energy independent of the decrepit power grid.

A scattering of hardware stores, barbershops and corner stores across the island are embracing solar energy, trying to wean themselves off a state-owned power company that remains heavily dependent on imported petroleum. The numbers remain small — a few dozen or hundreds out of millions of power users — but power industry officials and environmentalists are closely watching this as a test of whether Puerto Rico can make a large-scale switch to renewable, off-grid energy.

Currently, renewables represent 4 percent of generation at Puerto Rico's power company, against a U.S. national average of 15 percent, so it likely will be years before solar could account for a significant share of Puerto Rico power.

Even so, "Puerto Rico can

be an experimental workshop for solar and wind," Rep. Darren Soto, a Florida Democrat, said at a congressional hearing Wednesday.

While Adjuntas is dotted with solar-powered islands, a community of 12 homes in the mountain town of Las Piedras still lacks central power and is operating exclusively on solar energy provided by Tesla, the hightech maker of electric cars and other power products. It installed 160 solar panels on a plot of land owned by resident Jose Santana.

Santana, an electronics technician, said he loves the smartphone app that lets him monitor the solar-charged Tesla batteries. He said the government should consider going solar and dumping the current "archaic" power grid.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Commuter terminal access road paving Project no. CPA-SA-007-18

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural/Engineering Design Services for this project inclusive of onsite assessment and preparation of plans and specifications for road repair, drainage and resurfacing of the access road leading to the Saipan Commuter Terminal. All work will be performed at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by CPA and is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations. Procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater. CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to cpa.engr@pticom.com and wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Monday, August 6, 2018, 5:00 p.m., local time.

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The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural/Engineering Design Services inclusive of onsite assessments and preparation of plans and specifications for construction of a new 1st floor enclosure for CPA Accounting (West Wing), renovation to the CNMI Customs and Quarantine Office (East Wing), roof leak repairs, removal and application of water proofing membrane at both the East and West Wings (above customs and accounting respectively), and repairs to the male/female baggage claim restrooms.

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MERLY YAMAZAKI As Lito Village P.O. Box 502407 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 Tel.: 670-288-3924 The Petitioner: Merly Yamazaki, the Mother

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CIVIL ACTION INTHE MATTER OF NOTICE OF HEARING THE ESTATE OF) AND NOTICE) TO CREDITORS Corin Rengiil Deceased. Date: August 16, 2018 Time: 9:00am

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE CORIN RENGIIL, OR HER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Merly Yamazaki has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Administration for the Estate of Corin Rengill, the deceased. The Petitioner is Merly Yamazaki, The Mother, whose address is As Lito Village, P.O. Bo 502407, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard or the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons and entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to MERLY YAMAZAKI, the Mother, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2018. /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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Attornev for Petitioner.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN

IN THE MATTER) Civil Action No. 18-0304 OF THE ESTATE OF)

BEATO) NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS MENDIOLA

CALVO, Deseased.) Judge: Hon. Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner Clair A

Calvo, has filed a <u>Petition For Letters of</u> Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to NMI R. Prob. P 15. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on <u>August 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.</u> in Courtroom 220, Superior Court. All person:

hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made. Pursuant to NMLR Prob. P 21. notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Cour

interested are hereby notified to appear at the

within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Mark Scoggins at the above indicated address

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further

SO NOTICED this July 24, 2018.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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Nation

Clock ticks toward reuniting families separated at border

EL PASO, Texas (AP)— The Trump administration faced a court-imposed deadline Thursday to reunite thousands of children and parents who were forcibly separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, an enormous logistical task brought on by its "zero tolerance" policy on illegal entry.

Authorities have identified 2,551 children 5 and older who may be covered by the order to be reunited with their parents by Thursday's court-imposed deadline. That effort was expected to fall short, partly because hundreds of parents may have already been deported without their children.

But, by focusing only those deemed by the government to be "eligible" for reunification, authorities expected claim success.

As of Tuesday, there were 1,012 parents reunified with their children in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody. Hundreds more had been cleared and were just waiting on transportation.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told members of Congress on Wednesday that the admin-



Lesbi Bueso holds her year-old nephew Johan Bueso Montecinos, who became a poster child for the U.S. policy of separating immigrants and their children, during the first full day back with his family, in La Libertad, Honduras, Saturday, July, 21, 2018.

meet the deadline, an assertion that was greeted with disbelief and anger by the all-Democrat Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to people who attended. Nielsen declined to comment to reporters as she left the closeddoor meeting.

For the last two weeks, children have been arriving steadily at ICE locations in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico to be reunited with parents. Faith-based and other groups have provided meals, clothing, legal advice and plane and bus tickets. Parents are typically equipped with ankle-moncourt dates before an immigration judge.

Natalia Oliveira da Silva, a mother from Brazil, waited nervously outside a detention center in Pearsall, Texas, for her young daughter, Sara. She soon spotted the 5-year-old approaching in a vehicle, a seatbelt over her chest.

Sara got out and was quickly in her mother's arms, asking her, "They're not going to take you away again, right?"

Since their separation in late May, the girl had been at a shelter for immigrant minors in Chicago, while Oliveira was moved through

istration was "on track" to itoring bracelets and given facilities across Texas.

IDYLLWILD,

Calif. (AP)—A fast-moving wildfire — believed to have been sparked by arson tore through trees, burned five homes and forced evacuation orders for an entire forest town as California sweltered under a heat wave and battled ferocious fires at both ends of the state.

The so-called Cranston Fire, which erupted Wednesday in the San Jacinto Mountains east of Los Angeles, turned into a wall of flame that torched timber and tinder-dry brush. In a matter of hours it grew to 7 1/2 square miles (19 square kilometers).

It was threatening an estimated 600 homes, authorities said.

The fire was the largest of at least five that police believe were purposely set Wednesday by a man whose car was reportedly spotted at the starting point of the blaze in Riverside County, officials said.

Brandon N. McGlover, 32, of Temecula was booked on

suspicion of five counts of arson, state fire officials said. It wasn't clear whether he had an attorney.

Arson wildfire forces entire California town to evacuate

Authorities ordered residents to leave Idyllwild and several neighboring communities, home to about 12,000 people.

William Blodgett of Idyllwild said he couldn't get home because of the fire and had to wait along with others at a gas station in nearby Mountain Center — until the fire hopped a highway and began to move in his direction.

"We were all peeling out of there as fast as we could," he told KNBC-TV. "It was apocalyptic."

Horses and other animals were taken to shelters as were several hundred children who were evacuated from summer camps. About 200 were at a local high school serving as a shelter, KCAL-TV reported.

The fire in the San Bernardino National Forest sent up a cloud 50,000 feet high that was so enormous it created its own weather in the form of lightning, the National Weather Service reported.

Throughout the day, helicopters and planes dumped water and fire retardant that turned swathes of land and homes pink. Fire engines also were stationed to protect homes

The fire is one of several across California amid a heat wave that has seen days of triple-digit temperatures.

To the north, in the San Francisco Bay Area, at least one home burned in a fastmoving blaze in Clayton, where houses are spread out around windy roads.

Yosemite Valley, the scenic heart of the national park, was closed at noon Wednesday during the height of tourist season as smoke cast a pall on the region from a fire in the Sierra Nevada. The closure was heartbreaking for travelers, many of whom mapped out their trips months in advance to hike and climb amid the spectacular views of cascading waterfalls and sheer rock faces.

Asia

Laos dam disaster leaves 24 dead, scores missing

ATTAPEU, Laos (AP)— Rescuers searched Wednesday for scores of villagers left missing when part of a newly built hydroelectric dam broke in southeastern Laos, flooding the surrounding countryside and killing at least 24 people, officials said.

Thousands of people lost their homes when the South Korean-built dam gave way on Monday, flooding surrounding villages.

Hundreds took shelter in nearby towns, traveling by bus and pickup trucks and sleeping on plastic sheeting.

"The water came so quick we just left the house and ran away," said Phon Vuongchonpu, whose family of 12 fled as the floodwater rose to roof level. "We've lost everything: motorbike, furniture our cows and pigs."

Bounyong Phommachak, a Red Cross official, said 24 bodies had been recovered and 96 people were officially listed as missing. He said by phone that about 6,600 people had been displaced from their homes.

China's state news agency, Xinhua, which maintains one of the very few foreign news bureaus in Laos, reported that Lao Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith said at a news conference that 131 people were missing and the homeless totaled 3.060. He did not give a death toll.

The discrepancies in the tolls could be due to difficult communications and heavy rains in the area which have hampered rescue efforts.

Photos and videos posted on social media showed people sitting on rooftops to escape the surging water, while others were carried to safety or rescued by boat.

One of five auxiliary earth-fill dams at the project began visibly weakening on Friday, said Korea Western Power, one of two South Korean partners in the hydroelectric project.

SK Engineering & Construction, the other Korean joint venture partner, said the top of the dam was swept away Sunday as workers were struggling to control the damage amid heavy rain. The situation worsened on Monday as water cascaded out of the reservoir, flooding seven out of 12 villages in the area, SK E&C said. It was helping to evacuate and rescue residents and sent its president and a team of 30 people to the disaster zone.

Continued heavy rain and strong winds forecast for the area could hinder rescue efforts, and risks from flooding persisted in the mountainous region. A report by the intergovernmental Mekong River Commission said storms had caused water levels along the river to rise by 3-5 meters (9-15 feet) in the past week.

Provincial authorities issued a call for emergency aid, and residents in Paksong were streaming to the evacuation shelter bringing food, as doctors attended to those needing help.

"I feel safe here, but worry for my husband and son who are still in the village," said Tem Namsakhunpiraded, who escaped the floodwaters with three of her children and a 6-month-old grandchild.

The International Red Cross said food was a concern because village food supplies were drenched in the flooding. It was arranging for water purification units to be sent to the area to ensure supplies of clean drinking water.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Fire or possible blast apparent near **US Embassy in Beijing**

BEIJING (AP)—A fire or possible explosion appears to have taken place outside the U.S. Embassy in Beijing on Thursday. A woman was detained after spraying gasoline on herself, according to official media. Photos posted on Twitter showed a large amount of smoke and police vehicles surrounding the vast structure in northeastern Beijing. Police did not immediately respond to requests for comment and an embassy spokesman said he was still collecting information. The ruling Communist Party newspaper Global Times said police "took away a woman spraying gasoline on herself in suspected attempt at self-immolation" at around 11 a.m. There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries, and apart from a heightened security presence, traffic and ordinary life appeared to be proceeding as normal at 2:30 in the afternoon. China and the U.S. are in the middle of a trade dispute, but America remains a hugely popular destination for travel, education and immigration for Chinese citizens.

Japan hangs 6 more members of cult

TOKYO (AP)—The last six members of a Japanese doomsday cult who remained on death row were executed Thursday for a series of crimes in the 1990s including a sarin gas attack on Tokyo subways that killed 13 people. Thirteen members of the group had received death sentences. The first seven, including cult leader Shoko Asahara, were hanged about three weeks ago. Japan has never executed so many people in one month, Justice Minister Yoko Kamikawa said. She called their crimes unprecedentedly heinous and said they should never be repeated. The cult, which envisioned overthrowing the government, amassed an arsenal of chemical, biological and conventional weapons in anticipation of an apocalyptic showdown. Named Aum Shinrikyo, or Supreme Truth, it was blamed for 27 deaths before authorities raided its compound near Mount Fuji in 1995 and captured Asahara nearly two months later. The group's most notorious crime was the March 20, 1995, subway attack that sickened 6,000 people and sowed panic during the morning commute. The attack woke up a relatively safe country to the risk of urban terrorism.

Boys rescued from Thai cave ordained at Buddhist temple

MAE SAI, Thailand (AP)—The young soccer teammates and their coach who were rescued after being trapped in a cave in northern Thailand were ordained Wednesday at a Buddhist temple, a merit-making activity to show thanks for their rescue. The 11 boys, ages 11 to 16, became Buddhist novices in a religious ceremony, while their 25-year-old coach was ordained as a monk. One boy did not participate because he isn't Buddhist. The group prepared for their ordinations on Tuesday with ceremonies that included shaving their heads. The white clothes they donned then were exchanged Wednesday for the traditional orange robes. They prayed with guests and local officials attending the ceremony. The ordainment ceremony took place at a mountaintop temple in Chiang Rai province. The group will spend a bit more than a week there.

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World

Hundreds of Gazans protest UN agency layoffs, pay cuts

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Employees of the Palestinian refugee agency escalated their protest Wednesday in the Gaza Strip against sweeping pay cuts and dismissals as the organization blamed U.S. funding cuts on the crisis.

Hundreds of UNRWA staff continued a sit-in that began Monday at the organization's Gaza office and announced plans to go on an open-ended strike, demanding the agency cancel recent job eliminations and downgrading of contracts.

"We declare a labor dispute. We will practice all union work. After the strike tomorrow, we will take more steps that could paralyze life in the Gaza Strip," Amir al-Miss'hal, head of UNRWA's Palestinian employees union, told The Associated Press.

On Wednesday, UNRWA fired 154 staff, 125 of them in Gaza, where it also downgraded another 580 to contract workers. Al-Miss'hal says the agency technically canceled about 1,000 more jobs by stopping hiring new employees to fill in for those who retired.

One staffer who received a dismissal notice Wednesday attempted to set himself on fire



during the sit-in, but bystanders and colleagues stopped him after he poured gasoline on his body.

UNRWA provides basic services to millions of Palestinians and their descendants. who were made refugees in Gaza, West Bank and neighboring Arab countries after Israel's creation in 1948.

Earlier this year, the U.S. cut around \$300 million in funding to UNRWA, resulting in a \$217 million budget shortfall. U.N. officials say the cuts are "the largest ever reduction in funding UNRWA has faced."

Fire-fighting planes from been started deliberately.

Arsonists frequently target forests around the capital to try to clear more land for development.

A U.S. government official said MQ-9A Reaper drones currently based in central Greece had been used in the effort, along with U.S. Navy VP-10 and P-8A reconnaissance and patrol aircraft. The official asked not to be identified because details of the U.S. assistance had not yet been

Kammenos said the footage from the Greek and U.S. surveillance aircraft would be analyzed along with satellite images, and that preliminary findings suggested that the fire started at multiple points, which would now be examined on the ground.

Of the five areas in which the agency operates, Gaza is the most vulnerable given its dire living conditions and devastated economy after more than a decade under an Israeli-Egyptian blockade. More than

Syria on Wednesday, trig-

gering ferocious clashes

between residents and the

militants that provincial

health officials said killed

The coordinated attacks

across the province of Sweida,

which included several suicide

bombings, shattered the calm

of a region that has been large-

ly insulated from the worst of

the violence of Syria's seven

The suicide bomb blasts

inside the provincial capital,

also called Sweida, were ap-

parently timed to coincide

with attacks on villages in the

eastern countryside, creating

mayhem across the province.

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ment fighters and residents who

picked up weapons to defend

their hometowns on one side

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ed 204 civilians killed and 180

wounded, according to local

official Hassan Omar, making

it the single bloodiest day for

the province since the 2011

national revolt that sparked

Sultan Bou Ammar, a resi-

the ongoing civil war.

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The attacks triggered deadly

year long civil war.

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DAMASCUS,

two-thirds of Gaza's population of 2 million are refugees or their descendants.

Chris Gunness, an UNRWA spokesman, said the organization "is prioritizing food security support to the most

A Palestinian employee sits during a protest at the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) headquarters in Gaza City, Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

vulnerable refugees by continuing its emergency food program to nearly 1 million refugees" in Gaza.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Secretary-General Antonio Guterres would like to see much broader financial support for UNRWA and has encouraged the 193 U.N. member states "in the strongest possible terms to give money and to give generously."

"The secretary-general has always believed the UNRWA plays a stabilizing role in the region," he said. "When the money runs out, hard decisions have to be made."

Israel contends UNRWA perpetuates the refugee problem rather than resolving it. In cutting the funds, President Donald Trump linked their resumption to the Palestinian Authority renewing peace talks with Israel.

Grim house search yields more bodies in Greek fires, 81 dead

MATI, Greece (AP)—Rescuers intensified a grim house-tohouse search Wednesday for more casualties from a deadly forest fire outside Athens, as the country's military said it was using footage from U.S. combat drones and surveillance aircraft to try to determine whether arsonists were behind the blaze and stop future attacks.

Joint patrols of the Fire Service, army personnel, and volunteer rescuers discovered more bodies in the gutted homes near the port of Rafina east of Athens, raising the death toll to 81.

Nikos Giannopoulos stood with his wife and two children outside the destroyed home of his 88-year-old mother, waiting for news as rescuers searched each room.

They found her charred body in the bathroom.

Giannopoulos had searched the home earlier but failed to spot his mother's body in the blackened interior.

Her remains were put into a yellow body bad and placed in a wooden coffin, and Giannopoulos vented anger that his mother had not been rescued as Monday's ferocious wildfire raged down from the mountains and tore through vacation homes.

"She died helpless, an

88-year-old woman. I lost my nearby home in the fire, and my mother's was burned too," he said, his voice cracking with emotion. "So many people died that it took the rescuers three days to find her."

The fire forced hundreds to sprint to sea for safety, swimming out into the rough waters to avoid the suffocating smoke until they were picked up by boats after nightfall. Divers and coast guard patrols were still searching Wednesday for bodies at sea.

The mayor of the fireravaged Marathon area, Ilias Psinakis, said many residents only had a few minutes to save themselves.

He described losing his own home. "We could smell something burning. Then everything was gone in minutes. The wind came, then moved away, then came back again," he said after a meeting in Athens with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, regional government leaders and public safety officials to discuss the relief effort.

"My house was lost but nothing happened to five or six cars parked outside. One had a broken mirror. That's to give you an idea of what happened."

Flags across Greece, including those at parliament, public hospitals and the ancient Acropolis in Athens, flew at half-staff after Tsipras declared three days of national mourning.

Italy and Romania and fire patrols from Cyprus joined the Greek effort on Wednesday, while Defense Minister Panos Kammenos announced that U.S. surveillance aircraft had also assisted in the firefighting effort and were gathering footage to try to determine whether Monday's fire had

formally announced.

IS fighters ambush city, villages in southern Syria dent of the village of Shbiki, **Syria** (AP)—Islamic State fightsaid some residents unwiters ambushed a city and tingly opened their doors several villages in southern when militants knocked early

Thursday morning, so unex-

pected was the attack. "They kidnapped more than 40 people, all of them women or children," said Bou Ammar.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said at least 183 people were killed, including 94 residents who were part of local defense militias that have the backing of the Syrian government. At least 45 IS militants were killed in the fighting.

Al-Ikhbariya state-run TV showed images from several locations in the province and its capital where the bombers blew themselves up.

The rare attacks in Sweida, populated mainly by Syria's minority Druze, came amid a government offensive elsewhere in the country's south. Government forces are battling the IS-linked group near the frontier with Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and near the border with Jordan. The group also has a small presence on the eastern edge of Sweida province.

offensive Since their in June, Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces have retaken territories controlled by the rebels along the Golan

Heights frontier and are now fighting militants in the country's southern tip.

IS has been largely defeated in Syria and Iraq, but still has pockets of territory it controls in eastern and southern Syria.

The extremist group boasted that its "soldiers" killed more than 100 people in Sweida. In a statement posted on the group's social media channels, it said its militants carried out surprise attacks on government and security centers, sparking clashes with Syrian troops and allied militias.

The death toll in Sweida, initially reported at 27, quickly climbed. The Observatory also reported a series of suicide blasts and the clashes in the province's countryside. It said the dead included civilians, pro-government fighters and IS militants.

An activist-operated media platform on Facebook, Sweida News Network said a local militia was fighting the advancing IS-affiliated group and that at least 30 militiamen were killed in the clashes with the militants

Al-Ikhbariya said one of the suicide bombers hit a vegetable market in the city of Sweida just after 5 a.m., a busy time for the merchants at the start of their day.

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OFFBEAT BRIEFS

D'oh! 'Simpsons' writer says show not based in Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP)—A veteran writer for "The Simpsons" says the show isn't based in Massachusetts despite several references to the state.

The Boston Globe reports Mike Reiss recently sat down for a segment on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" to discuss the show and his new book, "Springfield Confidential: Jokes, Secrets, and Outright Lies from a Lifetime Writing for The Simpsons."

Reiss says the Springfield where the show is set is "nowhere." He explains the writers chose Springfield as a location because there are more than 40 cities and towns that share the name across the U.S.

Fans have highlighted references to the Bay State in the show, including Mayor Quimby's New England accent and jokes about Harvard.

Reiss is proud of the success of the show, whose 30th season will premiere this fall.

Oregon woman reunites girl with toy lion lost on remote hike

BEND, Ore. (AP)—A little girl who lost her beloved stuffed lion on a hike in the Oregon backcountry was reunited with her favorite toy over the weekend after a community effort to identify her.

Hiker Holly Spaman, who recently moved to Bend, Oregon, from Yakima, Washington, ran into Audrianna Flores and her family as they descended Broken Top Trail on July 16 on their way back from a hike to the remote No Name Lake

The distraught 7-year-old told Spaman about her lost stuffed lion, Kitty, which had fallen out of her mother's backpack unnoticed during the trek, the mother, Erin Allen, told The Associated Press on Monday.

Spaman didn't think she'd find the toy in such a vast wilderness, but she kept her eyes peeled and spotted Kitty a few miles later.

She didn't have the family's name or number. So she put Kitty on a rock and snapped a photo of the well-loved beige-and-yellow lion in front of jagged peaks of Broken Top Mountain—snow in the background—and posted it online when she got home.

Mom charged after choking player at girls basketball game

SEATTLE (AP)—A suburban Seattle mother has been charged with felony assault following an attack last year on a sixth-grade girl at a basketball game between two Catholic schools.

Authorities say 38-year-old Monique Altheimer of Kent got onto the basketball court during a December game in Seattle and choked the child who had fought with the suspect's daughter during an aggressive ball game.

Investigators say Altheimer was cursing at the victim as she strangled her, and she elbowed another 11-year-old girl trying to help her teammate.

The victim was starting to black out when her own mother appeared to knock Altheimer down to stop the attack.

Charging documents filed last week note that Altheimer has been previously convicted of assault.

Altheimer declined to comment when reached by phone on Wednesday.

Driver hits 142 mph ... right after being cited for speeding

HERSHEY, Neb. (AP)—An Iowa woman who was ticketed for speeding in Nebraska perhaps didn't take the citation seriously—deputies clocked her driving at 142 mph as she accelerated away from the traffic stop.

The Lincoln County sheriff's office says the 31-year-old woman from Council Bluffs was eventually arrested on suspicion of willful reckless driving after deputies caught up with her for a second time early Saturday.

Deputies first stopped the 2018 Ford Mustang around 1 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 80 near North Platte after it was recorded driving 92 mph in a 75 mph zone. The driver was cited and told she could leave.

But she took off at speed and the deputies gave chase, using radar to clock her driving at 142 mph.

Online court records don't indicate formal charges.

11-year-old girl catches piranha relative in Oklahoma lake

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An 11-year-old girl has quite the fish tale: A rare pacu with human-like teeth chomped down on the worm at the end of her line while she was fishing with her grandparents and brother in an Oklahoma lake.

But Kennedy Smith isn't exaggerating when she describes her catch. Caddo County Game Warden Tyler Howser confirms that the fish was a pacu, a relative of the piranha that is native to South America and can grow up to 50 pounds (22 kilograms).

Kennedy's fish weighed about 1 pound (half a kilogram), according to Howser and Kennedy's grandmother Sandra Whaley.

Kennedy says she initially was "really excited" to have caught a fish Sunday in Fort Cobb Lake, about 55 miles (89 kilometers) southwest of Oklahoma City. She was shocked when the fish bit her grandmother, as Whaley removed the hook from its mouth.

"I was confused because I knew that fish with teeth are not normal. It was weird. They were human-like and that made it even weirder," Kennedy told The Associated Press Thursday.

Whaley said she suffered no ill-effects from the bite.

Howser said the fish was likely purchased as a pet and was released into the lake when it grew too large for the aquarium of the family that owned it.

Pacu are considered an invasive species that can destroy the native Oklahoma fish ecosystem and habitat, so the fish Kennedy caught was taken by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and destroyed.

Howser said he recognized the species immediately.

"I've actually caught one myself," Howser said. "As soon as I saw (it) I said 'I know what that is."

Shortage prompts German brewers' appeal for bottles, crates

BERLIN (AP)—Ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall? Brewers in Germany would kindly ask you to return them when you're done passing them around.

The German Brewers Association said Wednesday that strong summer sales of beer and non-alcoholic beverages in recent weeks have left some drinks manufacturers high and dry.

Spokesman Marc-Oliver Huhnholz said some brewers have only limited supplies of bottles left: "It would be good if consumers brought their empties back to stores quickly."

The appeal is being backed by a campaign on social media.

Consumers in Germany pay a small deposit on bottles and crates, which is refunded when they are returned to a store. The bottles are cleaned and re-used.

Science & Technology



In this July 10, 2018 photo, a camera with facial recognition capabilities hangs from a wall while being installed at Lockport High School in Lockport, N.Y.

Schools eye facial recognition technology to boost security

LOCKPORT, N.Y. (AP)— The surveillance system that has kept watch on students entering Lockport schools for over a decade is getting a novel upgrade. Facial recognition technology soon will check each face against a database of expelled students, sex offenders and other possible troublemakers.

It could be the start of a trend as more schools fearful of shootings consider adopting the technology, which has been gaining ground on city streets and in some businesses and government agencies. Just last week, Seattle-based digital software company RealNetworks began offering a free version of its facial recognition system to schools nationwide.

Already, the Lockport City School District's plan has opened a debate in this western New York community and far beyond about the system's potential effectiveness, student privacy and civil rights.

"We shake our heads that we're having to deal with and talk about these kinds of security issues," said Robert LiPuma, technology director for the Lockport district, east of Niagara Falls, "but here we are."

The idea behind the Lock-port system is to enable security officers to quickly respond to the appearance of expelled students, disgruntled employees, sex offenders or certain weapons the system is programmed to detect. Only students seen as threats will be loaded into the database. Officials say it is the first school district in the country to adopt the Canadian-made system it is installing.

Administrators say it

could thwart shootings like February's attack in which expelled student Nikolas Cruz is charged with killing 17 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"This would have identified (Cruz) as not being able to be in that building," said Tony Olivo, a security consultant who recommended the system for Lockport. Cameras mounted throughout the building would have followed the banned student's every move until he left.

Critics say the technology has been absent from schools for good reason.

In light of Lockport's plans, the New York Civil Liberties Union asked the state Education Department to block the technology from any New York school, saying it would "have a chilling effect on school climate." Education officials say they are reviewing the request.

"Lockport is sending the message that it views students as potential criminals who must have their faces scanned wherever they go," NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said.

Jennifer Lynch, senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group, said any school considering facial recognition must consider who will have access to data, how such a system would be managed and whether students can opt out.

Others question the technology's cost and effectiveness, given reports like one released in February by MIT and Stanford University that found some facial recognition programs don't work as well on racial minorities and women.

Lockport parent Belinda

Cooper would have preferred metal detectors in her 15-year-old daughter's school.

"It would have been cheaper for the school district, and you can guarantee no guns or knives will be brought in," she said.

District officials say the Aegis system they are installing, made by SN Technologies of Ontario, will not build or store a database of student and faculty face prints that could be shared with the government or marketers. Nor will the \$1.4 million cost, funded through a state technology bond, siphon funding from staffing or supplies.

District officials acknowledge it won't stop a determined attacker from coming through the door, nor will it warn against someone who is not a known threat.

But "there's no system that's going to solve every problem," LiPuma said. "It's another tool that we feel will give us an advantage to help make our buildings and our communities a little safer."

Individual schools and districts, as well as the governors of Wyoming and one other state, have already expressed interest in RealNetworks' customizable SAFR System, senior product director Michael Vance said.

At the University Child Development School in Seattle where it was piloted, rather than rely on office staff buzzing in late arrivals or visitors, the system gives parents who have registered their faces automatic access through a locked gate and tells the office who is coming. Schools can opt to register students' faces and customize how to respond to people who have been flagged for alert.

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Review: Tom Cruise thwarts the apocalypse on a broken ankle

nd so, fellow moviegoers: Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what Tom Cruise canand will—do for you.

The answer is anything. The man will do anything to entertain you. At age 56, when the rest of us are making chiropractor appointments and upping our corrective lenses, Cruise will jump out of a plane for you, into a lightning storm. He'll learn to fly a helicopter for you, all for one nauseainducing helicopter piloting stunt—yep, he's piloting AND acting—that sends him into a death spiral in "Mission: Impossible - Fallout."

It should go without saying that Cruise will hang off a sheer cliff for you. Oh, also: he will dangle off a rope from a helicopter, then bungee jump off it for you.

And finally, Mr. Cruise will shatter his ankle jumping from one building to another for you—and then sprint like hell on that broken ankle. Because, what's an MI film without a Cruise sprint?

One day, if this continues, it will surely seem silly. One day, people will chuckle sympathetically at the exploits of this well-meaning but wrinkled movie star, perhaps in his 80s then, putting his life in danger to please his fans. Now, though, is not that day. With his partner, returning directorwriter Christopher McQuarrie, Cruise delivers all the above in the ridiculously entertaining "Fallout," his sixth outing as Ethan Hunt.

may chuckle in confusion. It gets unnecessarily complicated. For most movies, this would be a much bigger problem. But because "Fallout" moves so quickly from one crazy stunt to another, it doesn't matter. You'll think, "Hmm, what?" But then, "Whoa! Is Tom about to jump off that building?"

We begin, as always, with a new mission—this time, it arrives in a hollowed-out copy of Homer's "Odyssey," perhaps a reference to Hunt's own journey. We'll try to boil it down: The evildoers are the Apostles, terrorists who aim to nuke the world's top religious sites—the Vatican, Jerusalem and Mecca—and bring on an apocalypse. They're in league with Solomon Lane (Sean Harris), the criminal mastermind from the last film, who stayed alive and now wants revenge against Hunt, not to mention the global destruction thing.

Hunt must get his hands on three missing plutonium cores. He actually manages this, for a second—but has to give them up to save a cherished team member. Thus is launched an overarching dilemma of this installment: Should Hunt save one life that is dear to him over millions of others?

We don't get much time to ponder. Hunt has to start from scratch. His IMF team includes, as always, loyal Luther (Ving Rhames), and tech whiz Benji (the wonderful Simon Pegg), who provides needed levity. It's safe to say that never before has Benji's life hung As for the plot, well, you so precariously in the balance.

IMF secretary Alan Hunley (Alec Baldwin) is back, clashing with Erika Sloane (Angela Bassett), certainly the most stylish person ever to head the CIA, onscreen or off. Sloane forcibly injects her own agent, the very handsome but shady Walker (Henry Cavill), into Hunt's operation, causing all sorts of complications.

Crucially, we also have former MI6 agent Ilsa Faust (Rebecca Ferguson, who made such an impression in the last film). She's back, but working for whom, exactly? Regardless, it's fun to watch her take down a succession of brutish men. A welcome newcomer is Vanessa Kirby ("The Crown") as the mysterious White Widow.

Of course, it's the stunts that really matter. And the scenery. Paris has always been beautiful, but there's a certain frisson you get when arriving with Cruise by way of a plummet from a plane onto the roof of the Grand Palais. And that motorcycle chase around the Arc de Triomphe? Let's just say that getting through that traffic circle alive on a real-life day is a Mission: Impossible.

Then we're off to London, where Cruise shattered his ankle bone filming a rooftop chase. At a recent screening, McQuarrie explained that most of what we see the actor doing here, including that sprint, was done after the injury. Feel free to consider that as you watch.

The most dramatic stunts were filmed in New Zealand, standing in for Kashmir. Many people go bungee-jumping



Actor Tom Cruise attends the U.S. premiere of "Mission: Impossible - Fallout" at The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum on Sunday, July 22, 2018, in Washington.

there; probably relatively few do it from a moving helicopter. We also see Cruise piloting another helicopter into a seemingly irreversible plunge. A climactic physical fight was shot in Norway, on a cliff that drops into a fjord. And Cruise's

Appreciation lunch to follow.

25,000-foot jump from a plane was filmed in Abu Dhabi.

Much ink has been spent analyzing this enduring phenomenon called Tom Cruise, and what motivates him, onscreen and off. "I just want to entertain people," he said recently. That's one mission he can still nail.

"Mission: Impossible - Fallout," a Paramount Pictures release, is unrated by the Motion Picture Association of America. Running time: 147 minutes. Three stars out of four.



NEW YORK (AP)—AMC host Chris Hardwick is returning to work after a review of sexual assault allegations against him by a former girlfriend.

The network says returning Hardwick to work at "Talking Dead" and "Talking with Chris Hardwick" is the "appropriate step" after a review that included interviews with numerous people.

It says Hardwick will return to "Talking Dead" Aug. 12. Substitute host Yvette Nicole Brown will be interim guest host of "The Walking Dead Season 9 Preview Special" on Aug. 5, and a guest on "Talking Dead" on Aug. 12.

Hardwick has acknowledged that an online post by his ex-girlfriend Chloe Dykstra alleging she had been sexually assaulted and emotionally abused referred to him. He has denied the allegations but has said the couple's three-year relationship was imperfect and included

Hillary Clinton to appear on 'Madam Secretary'

LOS ANGELES (AP)-"Madam Secretary" won't lack secretaries of state this fall.

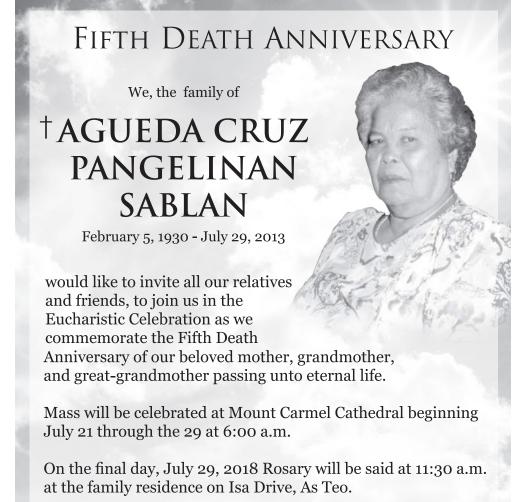
CBS on Tuesday announced former secretaries Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell will appear on drama's fifth season premiere on Oct. 7.

CBS says star Tea Leoni, in her role as Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord, seeks their advice.

Clinton tweeted it was wonderful to spend some time on the set.

Albright previously appeared on the show during its second season.

Clinton was secretary of state under President Barack Obama. Powell was President George W. Bush's top diplomat, and Albright was the first woman to become secretary of state, during President Bill Clinton's administration.



Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

From:

The Family

With rare candor, Lovato chronicled her recovery and relapse

NEW YORK (AP)—While most celebrities tend to hide their struggles with drugs and battles with depression, Demi Lovato not only acknowledged her issues, she's shared them with the world.

Lovato has been an open book since she announced in 2010 that she was checking into a rehabilitation center to deal with an eating disorder, self-mutilation and other issues. Over the next eight years, she became a role model and bona fide pop star, releasing multi-platinum songs and albums that range from playful to serious with lyrical content about her battles with drugs and alcohol.

"(She) has found enormous success by addressing those issues, and not only addressing them when they were still fresh, but also continuing to speak about them as she had been sober for years. She's always kind of keeping it at the forefront ... and showing people that it's OK to be open about having struggles whether it's mental health issues, substance abuse (or) body positivity," said Jason Lipshutz, the editorial director at Billboard. "By opening



herself up and sharing herself she has given the signal to a lot of people—either young listeners or adult listeners—that

"Obviously she's got an amazing voice and she's got some great hooks and a lot of hit singles, but I think people really connect with that type In this June 25, 2018 file photo, Demi Lovato performs in east London.

of openness," he added.

Lovato's representative said in a statement Tuesday that the 25-year-old was awake and recovering with her family after the singer was reportedly hospitalized for an overdose. It came a month after she released a new song called "Sober," indicating that she relapsed after six years of sobriety.

Lovato has chronicled her life and battles throughout the years, from her bisexuality to being bullied as a child to suffering from depression. She has said she's used cocaine before interviews and drank alcohol in the morning out of a soda bottle to mask it. That candor has helped her become a role model for young women and men who have faced their own issues.

Actress Lili Reinhart, who appears in the hit CW Network series "Riverdale," said she looked up to Lovato.

"When I was 14, she was an idol to me in how she spoke so openly about mental health.

LOS ANGELES (AP)— President Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was destroyed before

Austin Clay, 24, was held for investigation of felony vandalism, the Los Angeles

around 3:30 a.m. A pickax was found at the scene on Holly-

with one of our honorees, we would hope that they would project their anger in more positive ways than to vandalize a California State landmark," Leron Gubler, president of the music groups Cheat Codes and Clean Bandit. And she's even expanded to the Latin market with the Luis Fonsi collaboration "Echama la Culpa" and the Spanish version of "Solo" (Lovato is of Mexican descent). But her latest release, "So-

and more hit songs for her col-

laborations with the electronic

ber," was concerning since Lovato had said she was clean for six years.

"I'm not sober anymore," she sings. "I'm sorry that I'm here again, I promise I'll get help/It wasn't my intention, I'm sorry to myself."

"We should wrap our arms of love around Demi Lovato. I am so happy you're alive. Thank God," Lady Gaga tweeted. "If I know my monsters as well as I believe I do, we all wish you self-compassion and inner peace. And may you receive the love so many have for you."

they can do the same." Jane Fonda looks ahead to '9 to 5' sequel, back to Vietnam

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Jane Fonda said she's still confronted by Vietnam War veterans over her 1970s anti-war activism and welcomes the encounters.

Such moments provide an opportunity to talk, she said, which needs to be done with what Fonda called "an open mind and a soft heart."

The actress drew bitter criticism after being photographed atop an anti-aircraft gun during a controversial 1972 visit to North Vietnam. Meeting with TV critics Wednesday to discuss a new HBO documentary on her life, she expressed regret for that moment.

She said it was thoughtless to perch on the gun and called it "horrible" to think about the message her action sent to soldiers and their families, she said.

It was an earlier meeting with U.S. soldiers in Paris that sparked her activism, Fonda said. Her belief that America always fought on "the side of the angels" was shaken by what she heard and later read.

Her late father, the famed actor Henry Fonda, was a World War II veteran and Jane Fonda had served as "Miss Army Recruiter" in 1954.

She felt betrayed and lied to by America's leadership over the war and decided she would do everything possible to help stop it as part of a movement, Fonda said.

At age 80, Fonda looks back at her life in HBO's "Jane Fonda in Five Acts," from director-producer Susan Lacy and debuting this fall. Fonda continues to work, starring opposite Lily Tomlin on the Netflix series "Grace and Frankie" and working with Tomlin and Dolly Parton on a sequel to their hit 1980 movie "9 to 5."

The new take on women's mistreatment in the workplace will have to address how the situation is worse today in some regards, including treatment of contract workers, or she won't be in it, Fonda said.

On the bright side, Fonda said she expects to see sexual harassment decline "because guys are scared."

Trump's Hollywood Walk of Fame star vandalized

dawn Wednesday, and a man was later arrested.

And now she continues to

inspire thousands of young

men and women with her

body positivity messages," the

21-year-old tweeted Tuesday.

tary, "Demi Lovato, Simply

Complicated," Lovato said at

one point she idolized Amy

Winehouse, whose seven-year

death anniversary was Monday.

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been Lovato's biggest in mu-

sic: "Sorry Not Sorry," the

sassy, punchy pop song, be-

came the entertainer's biggest

hit of her career, peaking at

No. 6 on Billboard's Hot 100

chart and reaching triple-plat-

inum status. Her "Confident"

album competed for best

pop vocal album at the 2017

Grammys (she lost to Adele's

"25"). Lovato earned praise

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Police Department said.

The vandalism was reported wood Boulevard.

"When people are unhappy

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement.

The star, which recognizes Trump for his work on the reality show "The Apprentice," will be covered for several days as the Hollywood Historic Trust repairs it.

The star was previously vandalized by James Otis with a sledgehammer and pickax days before the November 2016 election.

Otis, who pleaded no contest to the felony, was sentenced to three years of probation for vandalism and was ordered to pay \$4,400 for the damage and attorney's fees and perform 20 days of community labor in 2017.

Friends add to woman's grief by not being there for her

EAR ABBY: I'm a retired woman living in a condo complex that houses mostly seniors. During the eight years I have lived here, I've always participated in several monthly social events, and have served on the condo association board. I know most of the other residents and count many of them as friends.

A couple of years ago, my dad moved in with me so I could care for him. The early evening he passed away, there were many emergency vehicles. Shockingly, not one of my neighbors came over. The police wouldn't leave me alone, and it took a while for another relative to get here. The next day, a neighborhood representative called to ask me what had happened.

Am I right in feeling hurt that my friends didn't care enough to check on things right away? They knew my situation.

HURT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR HURT: The reason many people would stay away from a scene like you describe might be that, because a lot was going on, they didn't want to intrude. Before jumping to conclusions about why your friends didn't contact you immediately, ASK them why they didn't and give them an opportunity to explain.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for seven

years. It's the second marriage for both of us, and I'm getting ready to retire.

I do our laundry. She works very hard in her profession, and I do it because I enjoy the feeling of a job well done and doing something nice for her. However, my wife refuses, in spite of my repeatedly asking, to turn her clothes right-side out before putting them in the laundry basket. It takes me at least 30 minutes every wash day to correct her clothes before washing.

This is an ongoing annoyance. Her response usually is, you don't like it, don't do my laundry!" Am I asking too much? Is her habit so ingrained that she can't change it?

HUSBAND IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

DEAR HUSBAND: Many people wash their clothes inside out because they think it gets the garment cleaner or they're afraid that washing the items right-side out will cause fading. Between you and me, I think your wife's suggestion is a good one. Let her wash her own clothes for a while, and you may find she becomes more cooperative.

DEAR ABBY: My nieces send me pictures of their children on every occasion. I love them, but I don't understand why they think I want prints. I'd rather view them online. Is there a way I can tell them without damaging our relationship, or must I

DEAR ABBY

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continue to keep my mouth shut and throw the photos into an ever-growing pile?

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DEAR AUNTIE-PIC: It should offend no one if you "suggest" that you would love to view these lovely photos online rather than have your nieces "go to the expense" of printing and mailing them to you. Then cross your fingers and pray they take the hint.

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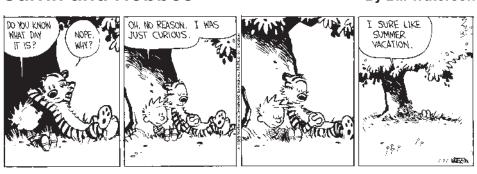
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Happy Birthday: A moderate approach to personal and professional change will help you maintain security. Consider where your time and energy will serve you best. Mastering your skills is favored over trying to spread yourself too thin. Baby steps will end up bringing you far higher returns as the year progresses. Consistency, fair play and persistent pursuit should be your strategies. Your numbers are 4, 18, 24, 29, 31, 40, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Bypass the drama and chaos around you and plan to have some fun. The time spent relaxing with friends or participating in activities with kids or your lover will help you put your life in perspective. Change begins within.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sign up for a seminar or interest course or participate in an event to raise funds for an organization that will lead to interesting encounters with people who have something to offer. Nurture

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important relationships. Personal improvement is

you connect mentally, it will be easy to come up with a solution for any challenge that develops. Keep your discussions simple, direct and honest. •••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give yourself a break. Take time out for pampering or just sitting back and relaxing with someone you love. Downtime with someone close to you will lead to ideas and plans. Love and romance are in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Anger and frustration will only make matters worse. Size up your situation and use your intelligence to work through any differences you have. If someone is out of control or pressuring you to get involved in something questionable, walk away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A short trip or visiting a place you've never been will spark your imagination. Discovering something new will encourage you to take up a new hobby or connect with an old friend you think may share your interest. Romance is featured. ���

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make changes to your living es to your living arrangements or environment. Comfort and convenience are important and will make the difference to the way you feel and how you greet people and life in general. Explore what's available to you and get involved in community events.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust what you know to be fact, not what someone persuasive tells vou. Be careful in whom you confide. Indulgent individuals should be kept at a distance. A disagreement with a friend or rel-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Count your money, consider how you can improve your health and tidy up loose ends or pending settlements. It's time to put an end to unsavory relationships or those who have not shown

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Personal gains and physical changes can be made with confidence. Fitness, diet and healthy living should be your goals. Invest in yourself and your future. Love is on the rise, and a romantic gesture will improve an important relationship. OOO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Avoid anyone touting lavish or unrealistic ideas. Stay focused on keeping life simple and staying on top of your responsibilities. Eliminate bad habits instead of indulging in them. Stifle anyone using emotional tactics to get his or her way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Secrets may be revealed if you are open with someone you thought you could trust. Be a listener instead of giving others an inside view of the way you think and live. Personal improvements will make you feel and look good. OOO Birthday Baby: You are proactive, tactical and

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: July 13, 2018 Closing Date: July 31, 2018

The Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission") needs immediate recruitment for the following position:

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DIVISION **ENFORCEMENT AGENT I** Enforcement & Investigations \$23,000 - \$28,000 CCC-2018-C

- Salary: Actual salary level will depend on the applicant's education, experience, and other related qualifications.
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Application Forms can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For information on the POSITION DESCRIPTION and other requirements, please contact the HR Officer, Ms. Juanette LG. Sablan at 233-1857/58 or at info@cnmicasinocommission.com. Interested persons should submit their completed Employment Application Forms along with supporting documents to the Commonwealth Casino Commission's Office at Springs Plaza (Unit #13 & #14), Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Announcement # JVA18-30

DUTIES: The successful candidate will monitor and supervise participants of the CNMI Drug Court by: (1) ensuring public safety; (2) deterring non-compliant behavior; (3) providing accountability in treatment programs; (4) supporting participants' progress; (5) detecting and providing early intervention; and (6) extending the treatment into the law enforcement community. The Compliance Officer will work directly with individuals who have substance abuse addictions and will report to the Community Supervision Officer as the direct supervisor, Drug Court Manager, and court regarding participant compliance in the program. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provides assistance to the Drug Court Manager in monitoring participants; Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for Drug Court hearings;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual drug court cases from resource areas including, as necessary, participants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc;
 Contacts public and private community resources to secure services for participants. Maintains continuing and ongoing relationships with the
- agencies as necessary;
- Coordinates enforcement of Drug Court orders, including curfews and home detention with law enforcement officers designated to Drug Court, Maintains contact with local law enforcement agencies, Drug Court Judge, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Attorney General,
- employers, local social service agencies, schools, and others;
- Coordinates investigations in preparation of court-ordered reports staffing and hearings.

 Maintains case records and statistical data for evaluation purposes and for submission to the Drug Court Manager;
- Attends and participates in Drug Court staffings and hearings;
 Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conferences, panel discussions, and other related forums;
 Follows policies for monitoring court-ordered payments, such as restitution, fines, and child support payments;
- Works closely with Drug Court caseworkers to support case management, coordination of services, and monitoring:
- Conducts gender-specific drug testing in accordance with the CNMI Drug Court protocols; Exercises good judgment in stressful situations
- Proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel and knowledgeable about the use of data systems
- Complies with applicable local and federal laws, including the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement (SAFE), and court rules and policies; and Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy one of the following: (1) associate's degree from a nationally accredited college or university in Criminal Justice or related field, plus at least two years experience as a law enforcement officer; OR (2) four years experience as a law enforcement officer. Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

Report writing skills and case management experience would be preferred. Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary range will be \$25,000 - \$28,000

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEET

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 1st Quarter General Membership Meeting on July 31, 2018, from 9:45am to 11:30am at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Caladium Hall.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- Review & Adoption of Agenda of July 31, 2018 III.
- Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2018
- Reports
 - Chairperson

 - **State Plan Committee Chairperson** b.
 - **Fiscal Committee Chairperson**
 - d. **Executive Director**
- **Old Business**
 - **CIRCLES Transition Meeting**
 - Sensitivity & Disability Awareness Presentation for CNMI Policymakers b.
 - 2018 Disability Sports Fest
 - **Benefits Planning Training**
- - **New Business** a. Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Awareness Campaign
- Action Items
 - Ratify/Approval the Amendment to FY 2018 DD Basic Grant Budget
 - Ratify/Approval the Amendment of FY 2018 AT Program Grant Budget b.
 - **Election of Officers**
 - Vice Chairperson 1.
 - 2. Chairperson
- Miscellaneous **Next Meeting**
- Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

Efren Nicholas Chairperson

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OFFICER

Announcement # JVA18-31

DUTIES: The successful candidate will actively monitors Drug Court participants outside of the Drug Court setting by conducting home and job visits All client contact and visitations are documented to help encourage positive participant behavior. The Community Supervision Officer will work under the Drug Court Manager to monitor and supervise participants by: (1) ensuring public safety; (2) deterring non-compliant behavior; (3) providing accountability in treatment programs; (4) supporting participants' progress; (5) detecting and providing early intervention; and (7) extending the treatment into the law

The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Ensures random drug testing and community supervision practices are in accordance with Drug Court policies and procedures; Performs all assigned duties relating to cases scheduled for drug court hearings; Coordinates criminal background checks for drug court participants;

- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual cases from resource areas like the participants' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc.
- Documents facts with respect to the drug court participants' activities, behavior, and quality of adjustment while on supervision
- Reports investigative findings and prepares recommendations for the proper case disposition;
 Appears in drug court hearings with the ability to provide testimony on drug court cases;
 Provides periodic interviews of participants to determine effectiveness of Drug Court mandates, supervision, counseling, etc.
- Maintains ongoing relationship with participants throughout the duration of the program;
 Follows policies for monitoring court-ordered payments, such as restitution, fines, and child support payments;
 Plans office activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision functions;
- Maintains accurate, neat, legible and up to date case records in the prescribed form;
 Attends public relations activities such as community group meetings, conference, panel discussions, and other related forums;
 Responsible for and conducts gender-specific, observed drug testing in accordance with CNMI Drug Court protocols;
- Assesses and reviews supervision and drug testing protocols and terms and conditions of supervision regularly to ensure they are still Complies with applicable local and federal laws, including the Special Act for Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) and court rules and policies; and

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy experience as a law enforcement officer; or (2) six years experience as a law enforcement officer. Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

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Handful of QBs under pressure to produce quickly



(AP)-Tenn. The only question about Tom Brady as quarterback in New

England is when Father Time finally wins before the fivetime Super Bowl champ decides he's done with the NFL.

Same for Drew Brees in New Orleans or Philip Rivers with the Chargers.

Aaron Rodgers is expected back at his usual level returning from injury for Green Bay, and Deshaun Watson tantalized before his own injury cut short a very promising rookie season. Even though it's been a while since Andrew Luck threw a pass in an NFL game, his resume gives him plenty of cushion as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

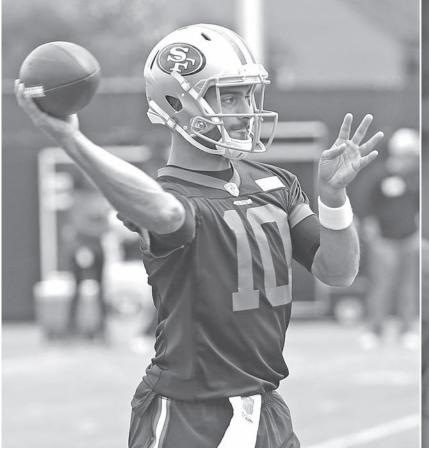
Not every quarterback has the same grip on a starting job as Brady, Brees or Rodgers, and a poor game or sloppy start can lead to a spot on the bench. Add a promising rookie into the mix, the leash can be even shorter.

Here's a look at some quarterbacks who need to play well to remain starters as training camps open around the league:

Jameis Winston, **Buccaneers**

Yes, Marcus Mariota must prove he can play all 16 games in a season, but the Tennessee Titans already have picked up Mariota's fifth-year option for 2019. Same for Tampa Bay for Jameis Winston, the quarterback taken a spot ahead of Mariota in 2015. Both are due \$20.9 million in 2019 at what could be a bargain the way the market is booming for quarterbacks.

On the other hand, Winston will miss the first three games this season with the quarterback suspended for violating the NFL's personal





At left, in a May 30, 2018, file photo, San Francisco 49ers guarterback Jimmy Garoppolo passes during a practice at the team's NFL football training facility in Santa Clara, Calif. At right, in a June 14, 2018, file photo, Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston passes during an NFL football minicamp, in Tampa, Fla.

conduct policy after a league investigation of an accusation that the 2013 Heisman Trophy winner groped a female Uber driver during a ride in Arizona in March 2016. That's not a great combination when Bucs coach Dirk Koetter's job security already is at risk after a 5-11 record last season. Tampa Bay brought back veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick, who started three games in Winston's place last season, for an experienced backup.

Jimmy Garoppolo, 49ers

Jimmy G could do no wrong for the 49ers last season, winning five straight games after finally moving into the starting lineup. San Francisco wasted little time signing the young quarterback to a fiveyear contract worth \$137.5 million at an average of \$27.5 million per season. The 49ers also re-signed receiver Marquise Goodwin to keep a top target around.

As good as Garoppolo looked, there's now plenty of game tape of him running coach Kyle Shanahan's offense. Defensive coordinators, especially those in the NFC West, have had all offseason to figure out how to slow down Garoppolo.

Tyrod Taylor, Browns

Helping the Bills stop a seemingly endless playoff drought wasn't enough to keep Taylor on the job in Buffalo. The Cleveland Browns traded for Taylor on the eve of free agency, and that's normally a sure

sign a team is heavily invested in a player. Then the Browns went quarterback with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, selecting Baker Mayfield. Keeping Mayfield on the bench depends mostly on how long Taylor plays well.

Joe Flacco, Ravens

The 10-year veteran has missed a mere six games since being drafted by Baltimore in 2008, all in 2015, and led the Ravens to a Super Bowl in 2012. But the Ravens last reached the playoffs in 2014, and general manager Ozzie Newsome made sure to give himself options in his final year in charge. Not Robert Griffin III, who last started a game in 2016 with Cleveland. Newsome traded to get the

final pick of the first round in April to select Lamar Jackson . Yes, the Ravens insist they want to develop Jackson and be patient. If Flacco struggles, Jackson, who threw 57 touchdown passes over the past two seasons in college at Louisville and won a Heisman Trophy, could start looking really good much sooner.

Case Keenum, Broncos

Coming off the bench and leading Minnesota to the NFC championship game is one thing. Playing quarterback under the watchful eye of Hall of Famer John Elway in Denver is quite a different challenge. Keenum comes in as the starter after the best season of his career . He'll need to pick up where he left off to stop the Broncos'

quarterback carousel, with backup Paxton Lynch, the 26th pick overall in 2016, sitting on the bench and, thus far, showing little when he has played.

Patrick Mahomes II, Chiefs

With Alex Smith traded to Washington, all the pressure now is on Mahomes in Kansas City after he was the target of all those longing looks to the bench by fans during his rookie season. He looked good winning his first NFL start in last year's regular-season finale. That won't help with expectations remaining high for the Chiefs, who won the AFC West before blowing a wild-card game to the Titans at Arrowhead Stadium in the playoffs.

KANSAS CITY (AP) — AmyRodriguez and Becky Sauerbrunn arrived in Kansas City this week with their focus

somewhat split.

any competition.

The veterans of the U.S. women's national team understand the importance of the four-team Tournament of Nations, which begins with a match against Japan on Thursday night. And they surely remember losing to Australia in the event last year—the last

time the squad was defeated in

But the national team stalwarts also understand that qualifying for next year's World Cup looms in October. And after their debacle at the Rio Olympics, they want to avoid any embarrassment in

US women view Tournament of Nations as World Cup tuneup

"That's the big thing for us," said Rodriguez, part of two Olympic championship teams and the 2015 squad that beat Japan in the World Cup final. "We're going to take this tournament as a preparation for qualifiers, because that's the big tournament coming up."

If that's the case, someone ought to let Jill Ellis know.

The national team coach has spent months considering the various roster permutations available to her, and she came up with a blend of old and new for this week's round-robin tournament. But once Ellis settled on her 23-member team, her focus turned entirely toward winning what's in front of her.

World Cup qualifying? That can wait a couple weeks.

"The priority is performance and winning," Ellis said, pointing out that all four teams -- the U.S., Japan, Australia and Brazil—are ranked in the world's top 10. "We want to come and win this tournament. It gives you a psychologically good feeling

"I think what we take away from these games will help us moving forward," she added, but I think the players we have coming back, that feeling of getting back on top of the podium -- you know, building and gaining confidence as we march toward qualifiers, that's important."

The U.S. will also play a pair

of friendlies against Chile before World Cup qualifying. But the reality is the trio of matches in the Tournament of Nations promise to be the toughest matches they have until qualifying, and arguably trumps anybody they'll face in the CONCA-CAF tournament.

The opening match Thursday between Australia and Brazil features two of the world's top scorers in Aussie standout Samantha Kerr and Brazilian phenom Marta. The Matildas also have a quartet of teenagers playing important roles, including 15-year-old striker Mary Fowler.

Japan, the dominant power in Asia, beat the U.S. at the World Cup final in 2011 before dropping the rematch three years ago. They're led by Saki Kumagai, one of the best defenders in the world.

The Americans counter with a talented if unsettled roster due largely to injuries.

Sauerbrunn missed some time to injury earlier this year, while Tobin Heath, Rose Lavelle. Samantha Mewis. Julie Ertz and Morgan Brian likewise made the roster after missing time to injury.

Mallory Pugh is out until at least August, though, after the winger sustained a knee injury during the National Women's Soccer League season. Defender Kelley O'Hara remains out with a hamstring injury.

"We have to remember we followed winning the World

Cup by getting one of the worst results in the Olympics," said Sauerbrunn, part of the team that failed to escape group play at the 2016 Rio Games.

"I think that lit a flame under us," she said, "because we never want to feel like that. The best thing about this team is we've never rested on our laurels. We've always tried to push that bar higher and higher, and that's what we've been doing the last couple years."

Indeed, the Americans have been downright dominant since Australia sprang a 1-0 upset in the opener of the Tournament of Nations last year. They rallied to beat Brazil and routed Japan to finish second in the event, and have gone 15-0-2 in all matches over the ensuing 12 months.

Pujols reaches HR milestone in Angels win

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)— Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and Shohei Ohtani all homered in the same game for the first time, and the Los Angeles Angels routed Chicago White Sox 11-3 on Wednesday night.

Pujols passed Ken Griffey Jr. for sixth place on the career list with his 631st home run. Trout connected twice and drove in four runs. Ohtani added a two-run shot projected at 446 feet.

Tyler Skaggs (8-6) tied a career high with nine strikeouts in six overpowering innings for Los Angeles. He whiffed his first five batters—the previous Angels pitcher to accomplish that was Jim Abbott at Oakland in September 1995.

Trout had another grand day with his 13th career multihomer game. He hit a solo shot in the first inning and a three-run drive in the sixth to give him 28 homers this season. The twotime MVP went 3 for 4 and scored three runs.

Pujols hit a solo homer to left field in the second, his 17th of the season. The 38-year-old slugger even swiped third in the fourth for his first stolen base this year.

Skaggs retired the first 10 batters he faced, seven by strikeout. He allowed two runs, one earned, and four hits.

James Shields (4-12) had another difficult outing for Chicago, giving up three home runs. He struck out six in the first two innings but also allowed two solo homers during that stretch. He permitted six runs on seven hits and three walks in four innings.

Kole Calhoun doubled in the fifth for the go-ahead RBI as the Angels broke through with a four-run rally. They added five runs in the sixth.



Rays 3, Yankees 2

In St. Petersburg, Sergio Romo relieved in the eighth inning, shifted to third base when Jonny Venters replaced him in the ninth, then struck out Brett Gardner to end the game with two on and give the Tampa Bay Rays a win over the New York Yankees.

Scheduled Rays starter Nathan Eovaldi was traded to AL East-leading Boston about two hours before game time, and six pitchers combined on a seven-hitter.

Indians 4, Pirates 0

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer struck out 10 over seven innings, Brad Hand got his first save for Cleveland and the Indians stopped Pittsburgh's winning streak at 11.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a inning, and Yonder Alonso hit a two-run homer in the eighth.

Phillies 7, Dodgers 3

In Philadelphia, Scott Kingery homered and Carlos Santana hit a three-run triple in Philadelphia's five-run fifth inning, leading the Phillies over Los Angeles.

Rhys Hoskins also went deep for the Phillies, who increased their lead in the NL East to 1+ games over the idle Atlanta Braves.

Jake Arrieta (8-6) allowed two earned runs and five hits in six innings for the victory.

Nationals 7, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Bryce Harper tied for the NL lead with his 25th home run, Tanner Roark pitched eight scoreless innings to end a seven-start winless streak and Washington beat Milwaukee.

Cubs 2, Diamondbacks 1

two-run single in the third In Chicago, Jon Lester bounced back from his worst start of the season with six strong innings and the Cubs

scored the go-ahead run in the eighth on Arizona shortstop Nick Ahmed's throwing error and Chicago edged Arizona.

Chicago mounted the winning rally against Arizona reliever T.J. McFarland (2-2) without getting a ball out of the infield.

Rockies 3, Astros 2

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon hit a solo home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and Colorado held the World Series champions to one hit at Coors Field.

Jon Gray pitched seven sharp innings and Carlos Gonzalez also homered for the Rockies.

Athletics 6, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Khris Davis homered two more times in Texas, including a two-run shot in the ninth inning as Oakland rallied again to beat the Rangers.

Davis hit a three-run drive

in the seventh to get the Athletics to 5-4. He went the opposite way in the ninth off Jose Leclerc (2-3) for his 27th homer of the season.

Mariners 3, Giants 2

In Seattle, Jean Segura chopped the first pitch from Sam Dyson into center field to score Guillermo Heredia with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, and Seattle Mariners won yet another one-run game by beating San Francisco.

Seattle came up with just enough offense to split the two-game interleague series, and it was one of their All-Stars who came through.

Reds 7, Cardinals 3

In Cincinnati, Eugenio Suarez homered for the third straight game, Tucker Barnhart added a two-run shot and Cincinnati powered to a win over St. Louis.

Adam Duvall also homered for the Reds. Sal Romano (6-8) Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols hits a solo home run during the second inning of their game against the Chicago White Sox in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday,

allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings to give the Reds consecutive series wins over St. Louis for the first time since 2011.

Tigers 8, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Mike Moustakas had two hits, including a run-scoring double, in what might have been his final home game for Kansas City.

A key member of the Royals' 2015 World Series championship team, Moustakas became a free agent after last season, then signed a one-year contract with the Royals in March that includes a mutual option for 2019.

Twins 12, Blue Jays 6, 11 innings

In Toronto, Max Kepler drove in the tiebreaking run when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in a six-run 11th inning, and Minnesota completed its first sweep at Toronto in more than 15 years.

Mitch Garver went 4 for 6 with a homer and five RBI and Joe Mauer had three hits and three RBI.

Mets 6, Padres 4

In New York, rookie Corey Oswalt beat his hometown Padres for his first major league win, pitching three-hit ball over five innings and New York beat San Diego for its first series win in two months.

Oswalt took the mound hours after the Mets announced slugging outfielder Yoenis Cespedes will have operations to remove calcifications in both of his heels.



Serena hits out again at drug testing 'discrimination'

NEW YORK—Serena Williams's anger at anti-doping authorities as she complained of "discrimination" after a random drugs test.

Williams, who earlier in July spoke of her frustration at her -disproportionate number of tests compared to other players, tweeted: "...and it's that time of the day to get 'randomly' drug tested and only test Serena. Out of all the players it's been proven I'm the one getting tested the most. Discrimination? I think

so. At least I'll be keeping the sport clean #StayPositive."

She then added: "But I'm ready to do whatever it takes to have a clean sport so bring it on. I'm excited."

The suggestion that Williams is being specifically targeted follows an article published on the Deadspin website last month that revealed she had given five samples to the United States Anti-Doping Agency between January and June 2018, when the number either zero or one.

Williams was also exasperated when a Usada tester arrived at her Florida mansion in mid-June outside of her specified "whereabouts" window

Williams said on the eve of Wimbledon, where she went on to reach the final: "I'm always getting tested. No matter where I'm ranked. Until I read that [Deadspin] article, I didn't

and found her not at home.

for most other female world realise it was sucn a American players was anti-Doping discrepancy with me against the other players that they listed."

> It is important to note that as well as domestic anti-doping agencies like Usada, doping

> tests are also administered by the International Tennis Federation and the World Anti-Doping Agency.

This latest test for instance was not conducted by Usada, and is believed to have been overseen instead by the ITF. According to its London-based anti-doping programme manager Stuart Miller, while Wada rarely administers doping tests in tennis, the ITF looks after almost three-quarters of the sport's drugs tests. Consequently, the Usada figures that so riled Williams last month present only part of the full picture.

The ITF only publishes its figures at the end of each year, so it is unclear how often Williams has been tested in relation to her rivals in 2018 but, in previous years, Williams's totals across ITF, Usada and Wada tests have been in line with other players.

An ultimately similar total to her rivals this year seems more likely than a concerted Usada and ITF-led campaign. In 2016 for instance, Williams was tested by the anti-doping agencies a minimum of 19 times (the ITF does not publish exact figures), while Madison Keys was tested a minimum of 16 times and Venus Williams a minimum of 18 times.

In 2018 it would stand to reason that a higher proportion of Williams's tests would have been administered by her domestic agency Usada because she has spent most of the year at home in Florida. This latest test is believed to have taken place in Italy, where Williams has been on holiday with Olympia and husband Alexis Ohanian.

Saipan athletes invited to Trench Challenge



Challenge, Guam's pre-

mier obstacle course race and qualifier for the OCR World Championships, has been added as a qualifier for the North American Obstacle Course Racing Championships that will be held in Stratton, Vermont from Aug. 10 to 12 this year.

All elite division athletes that qualified at Trench Challenges 2017 are eligible to register for the NorAm OCR Championships. Those that qualify in 2018 will be able to register for the 2018 World Championships and 2019 North American Championships.

"Although this news comes to us a bit late to prepare for, we're definitely proud and excited to be added to the North American OCR Championships. Now, our athletes can choose between the NorAm and OCR World Championships," said event director Tom Akigami.



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James Lee crosses a wet and muddy course in last year's Trench Challenge in Guam.

The Trench Challenge 2018 is scheduled for Sept. 30 at the Guam International Raceway. Elite division competitors have a chance at qualifying for the 2018 OCR World Championships that will be held in London from Oct. 19-21

To register, visit www. trenchevents.com. Registration deadline is on Sept. 29.

Trench Challenge is not

only for the competitive athlete. The recreational division is a non-timed go at you pace, with non-mandatory obstacles that make it a great event for those that want to just have some fun, experience the challenge, and get muddy. The recreational division is family friendly that accommodates young adults from 12 years old to seniors as old as 70. Businesses have entered teams of up to 30 employees to strengthen their camaraderie and use as a team building exercise.

Last year, the CNMI's James Lee joined the Trench Challenge and finished fifth in the 35 to 39 age group to qualify for the world championships in Canada. Lee is inviting fellow Saipan athletes to participate in the Trench Challenge or contact him if they are interested in forming a team.

information For more about Trench Challenge, visit Trench Events on Facebook or trenchevents.com or email: info@trenchevents.com. (PR)

Krishnan gets SGA June Ace Rick Kautz tri-



umphed anew after ruling the Saipan Golfers Associa-

tion June Ace of the Month Tournament held last Sunday at the Marianas Country Club.

The 10-handicapper Kautz, winner of the May Ace competition, shot a 41 on the front and 38 on the back for gross 79 and net 69. He was one stroke ahead of Das Krishnan, who carded a net 70 after the latter's handicap (12) was deducted from his gross 82. Krishnan, who logged 41s on both nines last Sunday, went on to take the SGA June Ace since Kautz had already secured the May award. The two golfers have also qualified to the club championship, joining Joe H. Aldan (January), Joe I. Sablan (February), Larry I. Deleon Guerrero (March), and Alex Tudela (April) on the list.

Meanwhile, Nick Sablan rounded out the Top 3 finishers in the June Ace tournament after recording a net 74 and beating three others in the scorecard tiebreak. The veteran golfer had a 7 handicap and shot a 42 and 39 on the front and back nines, respectively.

In other results, CNMI Attornev General Ed Manibusan. Krishnan, Frances Sablan, and Jess Castro were the closest to the pin winners on No. 6, 7, 12, and 16. Frances Sablan also had the longest drive on No. 11, while Joe Aldan prevailed on No. 2.

Next up for SGA is the July Ace competition and it will take place this Sunday at Coral Ocean Point & Resort. Tee time is at 9:30am, while check in is at 9am. (Saipan Tribune)

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despite being tiny in both size and experience compared to China. As a result, the first half ended with CNMI conceding only 3 goals," team manager Mikky Vargas said.

Zhijie Cai, Yan Li, and Yuwang Xiang scored for China in the 12th, 17th, and 20th minute, respectively

It took a while for the Chinese to hit the board anew in the second half, but when they did, the goals came one after another. Zihan Gui made back-to-back shots in the 57th and 59th minute, Wen He also had a pair, while three other players lit up the board in the second half breakaway.

"During the second half of the game, the boys lost their focus and we started conced-

ing soft goals. Their confidence dropped and because of this, the team went into its bad habit of busying itself with pure defense. We could no longer transition from defense to offense and China took advantage of our team's lack of

Despite their lapses, Vargas said the Teen Ayuyus try to stick to the positives.

attacking unit," Vargas said.

"Coach (Michiteru) Mita

believes that the boys really tried to get results for this game. Although we lost, we gained some experience and he's confident that the team will use this experience to help them in the next match against Japan tomorrow (yesterday)," Vargas said.

The CNMI was scheduled to face Japan in the 4:30pm match (6:30pm Saipan time). Japan won its first two matches in the tournament, beating China last Monday, 2-0, and Chinese-Taipei last Wednesday, 6-0.

After their match over Japan, the Teen Ayuyus will square off against Mongolia today and then will meet Chinese-Taipei tomorrow. Mongolia, after two games, had a 1-1 record, losing to Chinese-Taipei in the opener, 0-6, and winning over Guam last Wednesday, 4-2.

be Breen versus Molbaleh. Conatsu's sister, Coume, fell short in her singles' bid, too. Coume won the opening set of her quarterfinals match against Tahiti's Chrissv Vonge, 6-4, but the latter grabbed the win after sweeping the last two, 6-3, 10-7. Vonge will be paired with compatriot Vaiani Dusserre-Valleaux in the semis, while the other Final Four duel will be an all-Solomon Islands affair with Zorika Morgan facing Prudence Bird. Morgan ousted the Cook Islands' Te Akaiti Toa, 6-2, 6-4, while Bird knocked out Samoa's Penina Kamu, 6-1, 6-0.

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the Marshall Islands slid to second with its 29-16-6, while perennial overall champion Guam fell to third with its 28-12-12 haul.

Palau climbed up after bagging five more gold medals in table tennis yesterday aside from the two golds it got last Wednesday. Palau then won a silver medal in the Micro All Around and could add more medals today, as it will play against Yap in the bronze medal game in the women's volleyball and will compete for the gold against Chuuk in the men's division. Guam and the Marshall Islands will collide in the gold medal match in the women's volleyball.

In football, Palau is also set to duel Chuuk for the bronze medal, while Yap and Pohnpei will dispute the gold.

The CNMI is done with the competition and will go home this Sunday with nine gold medals, 18 silvers, and 9 bronzes.

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Molbaleh and Zachary Sands, 7-5, 6-2, to set up a finals duel against the No. 2 seed Paik

Woo is also in contention for the boys U14 singles crown after making it to the semifinals yesterday. Incidentally, the No. 2 seed Woo defeated Paik in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 6-2, to move into the semis against Cornish, a 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 winner over No. 8 Winter. In the other Final Four pairing, it will be No. 1 Elie versus his compatriot and No. 5 Meheannu Larson after the former downed Fiji's Maka Ofati, 6-4, 6-2, and the latter won over fellow Tahiti player Aritea Cotti-Helme, 6-2, 6-2.

In other results, Robbie Schorr is the lone CNMI player left standing in the boys U16 singles. Schorr won over compatriot Sean Lee, 6-0, 6-1, to make it to the semis. He will be up against No. 2 seed and Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy. who foiled an all-CNMI semis duel at the lower half of the draw after ousting No. 4 Ken Song, 6-1, 6-2. Schorr and Mainguy will square off for the second finals berth today. while No. 1 Jeremy Guinnes

and fellow Tahiti player Mohearii Polin will collide in the other semis pairing. Guinnes sweeping advanced after the Solomon Islands' Junior Micky, 6-1, 6-0, while Polin followed suit, as he eliminated Guam's Marshall Zang, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-0.

In the boys U16 doubles, Guinnes and Polin topped Schorr and Song, 6-3, 7-6 (4) to march into the finals against Vanuatu's Mainguy and Warea Tigona—a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Nortfolk Islands' Sam Cribb and Fiji's Maka Ofati in the other semis game.

In the girls U16 doubles, the CNMI's Malika Miyawaki and Conatsu Kaga missed a finals stint after being beaten by the No. 1 pair of Lea Lamorelle of Tahiti and Samoa's Eleanor Schuster, 6-1, 6-0. Fiji's Saoirse Breen and Vanuatu's Rosalie Molbalej took the other finals berth in the division after prevailing against Vanuatu's Desiree Signo and Fiji's Kajol Chand, 6-1, 6-3.

In the singles play, both Miyawaki and Kaga were also out of contention after losing to Lamorelle and Breen, respectively, in similar scores, 1-6, 2-6. Lamorelle will battle Schuster for the finals berth at the upper half of the draw, while at the lower half, it will

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The starting 11 of the CNMI Men's National Team training pool pose for a photo before their training match against Nittai University at the Seisa Hakone Campus in Japan last week.



The CNMI's defense collapses on a Nittai University player.



Nick Swaim scans the pitch before kicking the ball.



Ryu Tanzawa, left, tries to spearhead the CNMI's attack.

Josh Abragan, right, steps into the play to kick the ball out, while his teammates get ready

on defense.

Enrico Del Rosario slides, as he attempts to deflect a shot from a Nittai University player.



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Finals stint for Paik, Woo



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

he CNMI's Jimin Woo and Seung Jin Paik showed poise under pressure, pulling off a thrilling super-tiebreaker win over their opponents in the semifinals of the boys U14 doubles event in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships yesterday in Fiji.



Woo and Paik were beaten by New Caledonia's Tiago Lopes and Terence Winter in the first set, 6-3, but battled back in the next two

to steal the win and the finals berth that went it. The CNMI duo labored through a 7-5 victory in the second to force a deciding super-tiebreak third set, which it won, 10-4, to complete the come-from-behind victory.

Paik and Woo will go for the doubles championship tomorrow when they take on giant killers Storm Cornish of Fiji and

Lachlan Guba of the Solomon Islands. Cornish and Guba, who earlier eliminated No. 1 seed Manovai Elie and Haunui Montas of Tahiti, 6-1, 0-6, 10-8, booted out Vanuatu's Noah

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Marshall Islands to host Micro Games in 2022

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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next Micronesian The Games will be held in the Marshall Islands.

The Micronesian Games Council has yet to official announce the host of the 2022 edition of the quadrennial event, but a post from the official Facebook account of the Office of the President of the Marshall Islands confirmed that the Micro Games is coming to RMI for the first time. The council is expected to make the announcement tonight during the closing ceremonies of the 2018 Micro Games in Yap.

"President Dr. Hilda C. Heine announces that the Marshall Islands will host the next Micronesian Games in 2022 in her recent tweet. In her letter of support, President Heine noted that the Micronesian Games is the 'celebration of athletes who have trained and conditioned themselves to reach a goal."



In addition she stated that it gives the youth positive alternatives and healthy outlets to express themselves," stated in the post of the Office of the President, RMI.

The Marshall Islands submitted the bid to host the Games during the Council general assembly last Sunday. The CNMI, according to reports from Yap, also expressed interest in hosting the event for the fourth time, but decided against it in the end, leaving RMI the lone bidder.

Meanwhile, Palau grabbed the top spot in the medal standings with one day left in the competition. Palau, which entered yesterday's games at third place in the rankings, moved to No. 1 after improving its medal tally to 32-16-19 (gold-silver-bronze). One-day leader

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EAFF reverts to original sked; CNMI bows to China

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The **CNMI** U15 Boys National Team pitted was against China

instead of Japan in its second game in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Boys Tournament and fell to the host last Wednesday in Xianghe.

Tournament organizers had earlier announced the rainedout CNMI vs China tiff was to be played on July 26, leaving the Teen Ayuyus to prepare for a duel against Japan. However, EAFF went back to the original schedule and the CNMI ended up facing China, which cruised to a 10-0 triumph for a 2-0 record (pending results



The CNMI's Rintaro Miyawaki, third left, kicks the ball while facing China defenders during their game in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Boys Tournament in Xianghe, China, last Wednesday.

of yesterday's games) in the tournament.

Despite failing to score against China, the Teen Ayuyus, who won over Macau in their first game (1-0), were credited for limiting the host's production in the first half.

"The boys did extremely well during the first half of the game. Our defense was very disciplined. They were collective and played as one unit and because of this we were able to intentionally gain the ball from the opponent and transition from defense to offense. We created a few scoring opportunities, but unfortunately, we're unable to capitalize. The team was focused and they played with confidence

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